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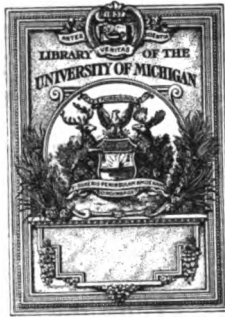
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REGULAR SESSION COMMENCING NOVEMBER 25, 1879.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1879.

The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina begun and held at the Capitol, in Columbia, on the twenty-fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, on which day, being that fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of the General Assembly,

John T. Sloan, Clerk, called the roll at 12 o'clock M.

The following members appeared and took their seats :

From the County of Abbeville,

Mr. S. McGOWAN,
Mr. H. H. HARPER,
Mr. J. H. RICE,
Mr. W. K. BRADLEY.
Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL.

From the County of Aiken,

Mr. THOMAS J. DAVIES,
Mr. JAMES ALDRICH,
Mr. JUDSON BRODIE.

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From the County of Anderson,

Mr. JOHN WILSON,
Mr. C. S. MATTISON,
Mr. W. C. BROWN,
Mr. E. B. MURRAY.

From the County of Barnwell,

Mr. D. P. SOJOURNER,
Mr. ISAAC M. HUTSON,
Mr. JOSEPH A. MILLER,
Mr. JOHN C. DAVANT.

From the County of Beaufort,

Mr. HASTINGS GANTT.

From the County of Charleston,

Mr. CHARLES H. SIMONTON,
Mr. G. LAMB BUIST,
Mr. WILLIAM HENDERSON,
Mr. J. FRANCIS BRITTON,
Mr. C. R. MILES,
Mr. JAMES SIMONS,
Mr. C. R. CASSIDY,
Mr. A. S. J. PERRY,
Mr. JOHN F. FICKEN,
Mr. JOHN GONZALEZ,
Mr. GEORGE R. WALKER,
Mr. J. B. WIGGINS,
Mr. S. C. ECKHARD,
Mr. W. T. ELFE,
Mr. WILLIAM SMALLS.

From the County of Chester,

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL,
Mr. O. BARBER.

From the County of Chesterfield,

Mr. JOHN S. MILLER.

From the County of Clarendon,

Mr. B. P. BARRON,
Mr. JOHN PETER RICHARDSON.

From the County of Colleton,

Mr. W. S. MINUS,
Mr. J. N. CUMMINGS,
Mr. WILLIAM MAREE,
Mr. C. G. HENDERSON.

From the County of Darlington,

Mr. J. C. CLEMENTS,
Mr. E. W. CANNON,
Mr. J. W. BEASLEY.

From the County of Edgefield,

Hon. J. C. SHEPPARD, Speaker.
Mr. H. A. SHAW,
Mr. WILLIAM HALTIWANGER,
Mr. JAMES CALLISON.

From the County of Fairfield,

Mr. R. C. CLOWNEY,
Mr. T. S. BRICE,
Mr. H. A. GAILLARD.

From the County of Georgetown,

Mr. PHILLIP L. LACHICOTTE,
Mr. ARTHUR M. MANIGAULT.

From the County of Greenville,

Mr. W. C. CLEVELAND,
Mr. J. T. AUSTIN,
Mr. M. L. DONALDSON,
Mr. T. H. COOKE.

From the County of Horry,

Mr. A. H. SKIPPER,
Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON.

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From the County of Hampton,

Mr. W. J. LAWTON,
Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON,
Mr. JOHN T. MORRISON.

From the County of Kershaw,

Mr. L. B. STEPHENSON.

From the County of Lancaster,

Mr. JOHN M. BEATY.

From the County of Laurens,

Mr. J. WASH. WATTS,
Mr. J. B. HUMBERT.

From the County of Lexington,

Mr. G. LEAPHART,
Mr. G. MULLER.

From the County of Marion,

Mr. R. H. RODGERS,
Mr. W. M. DAVIS,
Mr. J. G. BLUE.

From the County of Marlboro,

Mr. T. N. EDENS,
Mr. P. M. HAMER.

From the County of Newberry,

Mr. W. M. DORROH,
Mr. GEORGE JOHNSTONE,
Mr. C. S. SUBER.

From the County of Oconee,

Mr. GEORGE R. CHERRY,
Mr. JOEL BEARD.

From the County of Orangeburg,

Mr. J. S. BOWMAN,
Mr. W. C. HANE,
Mr. M. J. KELLER,
Mr. B. G. FREDERICK.

From the County of Pickens,

Mr. W. T. BOWEN,
Mr. R. A. CHILD.

From the County of Richland,

Mr. JOHN E. BACON,
Mr. E. McC. CLARKSON,
Mr. J. C. SEEGERs,
Mr. JOHN A. ELKINS,
Mr. JOHN C. HASKELL.

From the County of Spartanburg,

Mr. JOHN C. ANDERSON,
Mr. JOHN DEWBERRY,
Mr. JOHN W. CARLISLE,
Mr. JOHN B. CLEVELAND.

From the County of Sumter,

Mr. W. D. SCARBORO,
Mr. J. J. DARGAN,
Mr. JOSEPH A. EARLE,
Mr. J. W. WESTBERRY.

From the County of Williamsburg,

Mr. J. R. LAMBSON,
Mr. Z. R. FULMORE.

From the County of York,

Mr. B. H. MASSEY,
Mr. PETER GARRISON,
Mr. G. L. McNEEL.

Hon. J. C. SHEPPARD, Speaker, took the chair.

A quorum being present, the deliberations were opened by prayer to Almighty God by the Rev. Mr. Judd.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the reading of the Journal of the last day of the last session was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER addressed the House as follows:

GENTLEMEN—It affords me great pleasure to welcome you all back to the discharge of your duties. I trust that you have come with minds prepared for the faithful discharge of all the responsibilities by which you may be surrounded, and in the shortest time that is consistent with the efficiency of your service.

I cheerfully commend to your consideration and adoption the methods you so successfully applied during our last session, for, with my opportunities for observing, I can safely say that no body of legislators ever devoted themselves more exclusively to the performance of the duties by which they were confronted.

It should be a matter of gratification to every member present to remember that during your last session you accomplished more work and in a shorter time and at a smaller expenditure of money than any previous session of the Legislature of South Carolina since the requirement of printing was established as one of the rules of the House. This, I am informed, the records will show. Since that time, the session of 1858 *only* approximated our last session in the matter of expense, and the expenses of that session exceeded our last by more than the sum of \$3,000.

Let harmony in action, and, more than all, unity of purpose, characterize your proceedings; let your purpose be to accomplish the greatest amount of good in the shortest possible time and at the least possible expense. Do this, and you will deserve, as you have already enjoyed, the hearty "Well done!" of all the people of South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, a message was sent to the Senate notifying that body that the House of Representatives had met, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution, that a quorum is present and ready to proceed to business.

The following message was received from the Senate :

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 25, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that the Senate

has convened, a quorum is present, and that it is ready to proceed with the business of the General Assembly.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President of the Senate.

The SPEAKER announced that during the recess of the General Assembly he had issued writs of election to fill vacancies caused by the resignations of Mr. R. W. Shand, of Union County, and Mr. Charles M. Green, of York County; also, to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mr. Henry Hartzog, of Barnwell County, Mr. Thomas Jones, of Edgefield County, and Mr. W. R. Nelson, of Kershaw County; and submitted the following returns of the Commissioners of Election for the several Counties:

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of Election for Union County, do hereby certify that at an election held in said County on the fourth day of November, A. D. 1879, in obedience to the annexed writ of election issued by Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker of the House of Representatives of said State, Benjamin H. Rice, Esq., received a majority of all the votes cast at said election and was duly elected a member of said House of Representatives for the election district of Union, to serve for the unexpired term of R. W. Shand, Esq., resigned.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

H. L. GOSS, Chairman.

H. T. GALLMAN.

The whole number of votes given for Representative to the General Assembly for the County of Union was.....	828
Of which Benjamin H. Rice received.....	828
Total number of votes cast.....	828

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF YORK, September 4, 1879.

A return of the whole number of votes polled, and for whom cast, at a special election held in York County on Tuesday, the second day of September, instant, for one Representative to the Legislature in place of Charles M. Green, resigned:

Whole number of votes cast for one Representative.....	693
Of which J. A. Deal received.....	686
Scattering.....	7

Total number of votes.....	693
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1879.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF YORK.

We, the undersigned, members of the Board of County Canvassers for said County, do certify that the foregoing statement contains the true result of a special election held in York County on the second day of September, instant, for one Representative to the Legislature as exhibited by the Managers' returns thereof, poll lists and other papers.

JAMES F. HART, Chairman.
T. C. ROBERTSON.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1879.

The whole number of votes given for Representative to the General Assembly for the County of Barnwell was.....766
Of which W. B. Rice received.....766
Total number of votes cast.....766

We do certify that the foregoing statement is correct in all respects.
In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 7th day of October, in the year 1879.

C. I. FAUST, Chairman.
L. A. ASHLEY,
HARDY WIGHT,
Board Commissioners Election County of Barnwell.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

We, the County Board of Commissioners for the County of Edgefield, State of South Carolina, make the statement and return of the votes given for W. S. Allen as a member of the Legislature to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the death of the Hon. Thomas Jones, voted for in said County on the fifth day of August, 1879.

Total number of votes cast.....511
Of which number W. S. Allen received.....511
and is therefore duly elected to fill the said unexpired term.

We do certify that the foregoing statement is correct in all respects.
In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this sixth day of August, in the year 1879.

D. R. DURISOE, Chairman,
A. J. LEE,
Board Commissioners of Election for Edgefield County.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
KERSHAW COUNTY.

To the Honorable House of Representatives of said State:

We, the Commissioners of Election of said County, do hereby certify that at an election held on the 4th day of November, 1879, to fill the va-

cancy in the House of Representatives caused by the death of Dr. W. R. Nelson, said election being held under and by virtue of authority conferred by the annexed writ of election, 381 votes were cast, of which William D. Trantham received 380 votes, and we therefore certify that he has been duly elected to fill said vacancy.

A. W. BURNETT,
J. DUNCAN SHAND.

Commissioners of Election Kershaw County.

CAMDEN, November 11, 1879.

Whereupon, Mr. B. H. Rice, member elect from Union County, Mr. W. S. Allen, member elect from Edgefield County, Mr. W. D. Trantham, member elect from Kershaw County, and Mr. J. A. Deal, member elect from York County, appeared at the bar of the House, were severally sworn by the SPEAKER, and took their seats.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR No. 1.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, November 25, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

It is with great pleasure that, as the Executive of the State, I tender you kindly greetings upon your reassembling for the purpose of entering upon the discharge of the high duties imposed upon you by the Constitution.

I have no doubt that you have each come prepared to meet fully your responsibilities and to do all that you can for the promotion of the welfare of the State, and to this end you shall have my most cordial co-operation. My love for South Carolina, always strong, has grown with my growth and strengthened with my strength, until now it is one of the strongest feelings in my heart, and I assure you I am prepared to unite with you in an earnest effort to accomplish during this the last session of the General Assembly of the present administration such results as may redound to her lasting prosperity, honor and glory,—and I earnestly hope that such may be its consummation.

In addition to the ordinary and daily duties of the Executive, some of which have been difficult and perplexing, the Constitution provides that the Governor “shall from time to time give to the General Assembly information of the condition of the State, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary or expedient.” This Message is intended to meet this constitutional duty, to wit: to give you information as to the condition of the State and to recommend the

adoption on your part of such measures as, in my judgment, may be promotive of the common good.

In proceeding to discharge this two-fold duty, you will permit me, first, briefly to call your attention, by way of information, to several matters which seem to me should afford abundant cause for great congratulation, not only on the part of the General Assembly but of the whole State, and especially on the part of the General Assembly for the reason that some of these matters have been the direct results of its previous legislation.

First, you will permit me to congratulate you and the country on the evidences of agricultural industry which have come up from all parts of the State. Agriculture, as all understand, is the most important of a people's various interests—it is, in fact, the groundwork of all else. Let it languish, and everything else languishes; let it flourish, and everything else flourishes. When in successful operation, it gives rise to all other improvements. It necessitates the building of railroads and the establishment of manufacturing enterprises. It creates commerce, and extended educational facilities are its legitimate results. During the past Summer this great interest was threatened at one time with serious and widespread disaster by an impending drouth, but at length the showers came and the rains descended, and this danger, comparatively, passed off, and our people, taken as a whole, have been blessed with a reasonable harvest. Their garnerers are generally full. I have taken some pains to obtain information on this subject, and the reports from the different Counties show that the people of all classes and conditions have been more industrious, more energetic and enterprising, in this department of industry during the current year than for many years past, and I am rejoiced to believe that the new relations of labor and capital which our sudden transformation has imposed upon us as a people are beginning to adjust themselves more harmoniously; we have certainly touched bottom and the rebound has commenced. These reports further show that while cotton still forms the main product, yet that the people all over the State are beginning largely to diversify their crops. More small grain, especially wheat and oats, has been cultivated and harvested, at least in upper South Carolina, during the past year than at any period since the war, and greater attention is beginning to be paid to grasses and cattle, and the people are generally and wisely, I think, coming to the conclusion that while their soil is well adapted to the production of the great staple cotton, and that this product should not be neglected, yet that their corn cribs and meat houses should be built on their own lands and under the protection of their own eyes. When this practice is more generally re-established and fully adopted, our future, agriculturally, I think, will become more secure, and, while affording all

of our people the means of a comfortable living, it will largely tend to relieve them from those fearful pecuniary disasters which not unfrequently occur among every people relying upon but one industry and the cultivation of a single staple.

In this connection it affords me pleasure to state that the law known as the stock law, passed at the last session, has fully realized the hopes of its friends in those Counties where it has been put into operation. Of course a measure so radical in its character and so suddenly adopted would meet with some opposition, and, as was expected, some complaints were made against this; but this was immediately upon the passage of the Act and before the people had prepared themselves to meet it. Since then it has given as nearly universal satisfaction as any law ever enacted, and the concurring testimony from all quarters is that it is the greatest blessing to agriculture ever bestowed by the Legislature. It is for you to determine whether or not this law should be extended to the Counties not now embraced, upon such information as you may receive from the Representatives of these Counties.

It gives me pleasure, too, to state that the fiery elements of party contention which have hitherto burned in our midst and kept our people apart, at least during election years, and which, on account of the peculiar composition of our body politic, threatened serious consequences in the past, if not entirely extinguished, have been held in abeyance during the present year, and our whole population, free from those discordant antagonisms which seemed likely to occur, have united in a common effort for the common good. There is apprehension, however, that in the near future all this will be changed, and that in the election of 1880 turmoil and party strife will again rise to the surface. I hope not. It is true in that election, involving as it will, to a great extent, the future policy of the general government, and arousing, as it must, the unholy ambition of the political aspirant as well as the noble impulses of the patriotic citizen, some excitement must ensue, and we may expect that every effort will be made for party purposes and success outside of our limits to keep this excitement stirred and burning. My hope, however, is that the citizens of this State are beginning to feel that we constitute but one people; that our prosperity is bound up with each other; that we are all Carolinians; and that, while we recognize the general government as supreme in its orbit, and, to some degree, affecting our interests, yet at last that our happiness as a people depends chiefly upon the destiny of our own State, and that we will not allow our internal and home interests to be swallowed up in the maelstrom of Federal politics.

I desire also to communicate, as a matter of most pleasing information, based upon reliable data received from the Solicitors of the different Circuits, concurred in and fully supported by the Circuit Judges, that crime

has greatly diminished all over the State—diminished to the extent of at least thirty per cent. in this the third year of the administration of the party now in power, compared to any period previous to its inauguration. This, no doubt, has been the result of the fair and impartial administration of the laws which has taken place since that party has been in power and the confidence which all the people are gradually beginning to feel in the protective power and willingness of the government under the control and in the hands of that party. These results it promised to bring about, and the statistics will show that its promises have been faithfully redeemed. This is a most gratifying fact and augurs well for our future. There is room, however, for further advance in this direction.

Among the other evils left in the track of the late war there seems to have been engendered in the minds of the people a too great disregard of human life—not more in our midst than elsewhere, but in every part of the country, as is evidenced by the startling homicides reported in different portions of the United States. This feeling is fed and stimulated by that dangerous practice of carrying concealed and deadly weapons, and by their manufacture and sale, which prevails so extensively in different portions of the country. It is not surprising that the people should to some extent forget the value of human life when thousands and thousands of these instruments are manufactured and sold for no other purpose but to kill and destroy it, and when they are made familiar with the idea of their fitness to that end, which the constant wearing and handling of these instruments must eventually produce in the minds of those who thus use them.

This evil is not more prominent with us than in other communities—in fact, I am gratified to believe that it prevails to a less extent here than elsewhere, but still it exists here to too great an extent and should be corrected if possible. If within the reach of legislation, your wisdom will find the remedy; in addition to this, the good, the wise and the lovers of peace and order everywhere should combine together and bring to bear upon it with crushing power that most potential of all influences—public opinion—and this I invoke. I do not know that any additional laws upon the subject of homicide are necessary. What is needed, perhaps, is a sterner enforcement of those already in existence; it is safe, however, to leave this to the Courts and the juries.

Full information as to the operations of the financial department, the public schools, the militia, the Penitentiary, the Lunatic Asylum, the Institution of the Deaf and Dumb and other charitable institutions, the Sinking Fund Commission, the Railroad Commission, the Board of Health, the Fish Commission and the phosphate interests will be found in the reports of the several officers having these interests respectively in charge,

and which will be upon your tables. It would encumber this Message unnecessarily to incorporate in it the valuable details found in these reports; I shall, therefore, present only such prominent points as I may think advisable, leaving to you that full and thorough examination which the importance of these various matters will demand at your hands.

MEASURES RECOMMENDED.

The primal object of government is protection—protection of the natural and absolute rights of the people—the right of personal security, personal liberty, and the right to accumulate and enjoy property.

These important rights had existence before government, and came from a much higher source, and government was created and established for their protection. But for the danger to these rights in a state of nature there would have been no necessity for government. Laws are the instrumentalities through which government is brought in contact with the people and by which it accomplishes its great end. Such being the fact, it would seem that all wise legislation should be directed to the ends, first, of establishing and supporting the governmental machinery upon as good and economical a basis as possible, and, secondly, of affording it just such means as may be necessary, and no more, to enable it to meet its fundamental purpose, that of protection. Having done this, legislation has accomplished all that it should seek to accomplish. In endeavoring to reach this result the tendency of most legislative bodies in the past has been to over legislation, rather than to too little—to the enactment of too many laws, rather than to too few. The General Assembly of this State has not been exempt from this tendency in the past, as our voluminous statute books will show, and you will pardon me in warning you against its too great indulgence at this session. In addition to this, what is desired by all is an increase of wealth, because as a people grow more wealthy within proper bounds they grow more powerful and prosperous and are the better enabled to surround themselves with all the comforts and improvements of a higher civilization.

Now, national wealth is but the wealth of individuals—which at last is the creation of individual enterprise and energy. It would seem then, again, that the best and safest, and consequently the wisest, government is that which is content rather to protect than to attempt to create prosperity, since the former always promotes and the latter never fails to impede the efforts of that individuality which makes men industrious and enterprising and which produces the wealth of a country.

Having these views, and looking at the State from my standpoint, I am impressed with the belief that but little additional legislation is now

demanding by the wants of our people, and consequently I shall have but few recommendations to make. What they want is not so much more laws as more political rest and a quiet opportunity, through their own individual enterprise, activity and industry, of building up and recuperating their lost fortunes.

FINANCES.

As to our financial system, the present scheme in operation for the support and maintenance of the government stands upon as just a principle and upon as economical a basis as can well be devised. It rests upon the broad principle that every citizen should bear that proportion of the necessary burdens of government which his ability and property shall demand. This makes it bear equally upon all, and all are satisfied.

I am not aware of any improvement that can be made in either the collecting or disbursing of that portion of the public money which is administered by the State Treasury. As now conducted the present scheme seems to afford absolute security both for the prompt gathering and the prompt and honest disbursement of this part of the public funds. But while this security exists as to that portion of public moneys administered by the State Treasury, yet it seems to have been forgotten that a large portion of the taxes collected is collected for County purposes and is administered by the County Commissioners of the several Counties without any sufficient check being provided for the correct disbursement thereof. It is true that the County Commissioners are required to make reports to the General Assembly, but it would be almost impossible for the General Assembly to look fully into all the acts and doings, contracts and vouchers of the County Commissioners of the thirty-two Counties so as to afford that check which the magnitude of this part of our financial scheme demands.

It would be better that these reports should be made to some local authority, where the facts could be more fully examined and the vouchers more easily tested; and for this better security I recommend that these reports be required to be made to the Circuit Court in the several Counties, to be examined by the grand juries under its supervision, after being published in the County papers just previous to the sitting of the Court to which they shall be made.

Nor do I see at this time any opening for greater economy or retrenchment in current expenses. Salaries have been reduced as low as it is wise to reduce them, and all the expenses of the government have been cut down as far as it is perhaps practicable to do so. This will be seen more certainly by comparing the expenses of the different departments of the government before the war and since. I refer to those expenses

which are paid from the State Treasury. In 1859 the aggregate of salaries of the executive department amounted to nineteen thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars. During this year the sum required is thirteen thousand nine hundred, notwithstanding an additional office, that of Superintendent of Education, with a salary of twenty-one hundred dollars, has been created since 1859. Before the war most of the executive officers could live at their respective homes and discharge their duties by periodic visits to the capitol. Now their duties are largely increased and they are required to live in Columbia and attend daily at their offices. It is true these increased duties have called for an increase of clerical force, both in number and qualifications, which has also increased the expenses of this department, which, when added to the sum above mentioned, will bring these expenses to about what they were formerly. Yet, when the additional work imposed upon this department in consequence of our changed condition is considered, it will be seen that the strictest and closest economy has been observed.

In the judiciary department the amount required in 1859 was \$39,200; during this year this department has required \$56,800—a difference of \$17,600. This difference, however, has not resulted from an increase in the salaries of the officers in this department so much as on account of the fact that an entirely new system has been adopted since 1859. In 1859 the Supreme Court was not in existence, and the Solicitors were then paid principally from fees and costs derived from the cases prosecuted. Now the salaries of the Judges on the Supreme bench amount to \$11,000, and the Solicitors are paid \$12,000 directly from the Treasury.

In the legislative department in 1859 the entire expense, including pay of members, Solicitors, clerks, attachees, printing, &c., amounted to \$46,550. Now the sum required is \$46,145. All these expenses aggregated during the year 1859 amounted to \$105,600; now to \$124,895—a difference of \$18,295, chiefly on account of the change in the judicial department, which was important and essential, and which absolutely necessitated this additional expense.

When we reflect upon the great change which has taken place in our condition, social, political and otherwise, and when we remember that our citizenship has been more than doubled by the emancipation of those of our people who were formerly our slaves, and the ruin which had been brought upon the country by the flagrant misrule and extravagance of those in power previous to 1876, all requiring new legislation, the application of new principles and almost an entire rebuilding of our political structure, it is not only a gratifying but a surprising fact that our expenses have so soon been brought down to the level of that peaceful and quiet state of things which existed in 1859, and it will ever

stand as a monument to the patriotism and practical wisdom of those who have conducted public affairs for the last three years, within which time this result has been accomplished.

This is still more striking when the expenses of 1879 are compared with those of the fiscal year commencing November, 1875.

The expenses of 1879 in the legislative, executive and judicial departments, as will be seen above, amounted to \$124,895, while for the fiscal year 1875 the sum required was three hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars—a difference of \$226,205. This comparison has only extended to the appropriations made for the legislative, executive and judicial departments for the years mentioned. If carried out with the other appropriations, the contrast will be found still more striking, and will afford abundant evidence of the vigilant economy of the General Assemblies of the last three years.

The road, then, which leads to the lightening of the people's burdens by reduction of taxes either now or ultimately, is not through an unwise withdrawal of proper support to the different departments of government under the guise of economy, but by that increase of wealth and population which will certainly come from stability, effectiveness and vigor in these departments, imparted by a fair, just and liberal support, and by the awakening of our sleeping resources through the increasing industry and enterprise of our people, fostered and protected by a just and stable government.

The building of the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad and other similar enterprises; the successful operation of the Piedmont and Camperdown and other factories in the State; the discovery of the ash element by Dr. Ravenel; the reclamation of thousands of acres of most valuable land in the lower portions of the State from the grasp of present ruin by the introduction of some new product suited to the soil and climate or some new mode of culture; the deepening of our rivers and the draining of our swamps; the extension of education; the fair, just and impartial administration of the laws—these are the agencies which will add to and increase the value of the property from which our revenue is to be derived. And inasmuch as the rate of taxation will decrease as property increases, the surest road to permanent and substantial reduction of taxes is protection and encouragement to enterprises and industries like these, and to these ends, therefore, legislation should be directed.

I invite your attention to the following condensed statement of our financial condition, gathered from the clear and able reports of the Comptroller and Treasurer, which is herein incorporated so as to be in convenient form for reference:

Consol bonds and stocks funded to November, 1879.....	\$5,624,949 99	
Less bonds retired by Sinking Fund Commission.....	36,000 00	
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	\$5,588,949 99	
Amount to be consolidated.....	\$1,161,829 09	
Equal to.....		580,914 54
Certificates of Claims Commission already funded for deficiency bonds and stocks, less \$2,672.26 of bonds retired by the Sinking Fund Commission in 1879...	\$557,645 93	
Certificates still to be funded.....	3,890 00	
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		\$6,731,400 46
Total interest on all bonds and certificates..	\$619,513 35	
Less amount in Treasury.....	175,461 80	
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Total debt and interest.....		\$7,175,454 91
Bonds declared invalid by recent decision of the Su- preme Court, including interest consolidated, in gross \$2,392,770, equal when consolidated to.....		1,196,185 00
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Total approximates..		\$5,979,269 91
Bills of the Bank of the State supposed to be still out...	400,000 00	
This statement does not embrace the contingent liability, if any, of the State for railroad bonds guaranteed.		
Taxable property of the State :		
Real estate.....	\$76,583,866 00	
Personal property;.....	36,574,858 00	
Railroads.....	7,392,900 00	
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Total.....	\$120,551,624 00	
One mill will yield (net).....	\$102,320 00	
Poll tax last year.....	102,000 00	
This year.....	97,579 00	

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The present school system was organized by the passage of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the school law of South Carolina," passed at the regular session of 1877.

This system, though somewhat defective, was the best that could have been then devised, and it has produced good fruit. Its defects are of a

character which, perhaps, at this time cannot be remedied on account of our peculiar condition.

A perfect school system would be one which, by its own machinery, would bring into the school room all the youths of the State between the proper ages and subject them for the greater part of the year to the tuition of thoroughly competent and professional teachers—competent to instruct and discipline the mind as well as develop and discipline the character. This last being, in my judgment, as important, if not more important, than the first.

The present system provides no special mode of furnishing the State with the class of teachers suggested. The different Boards authorized to license teachers are dependent upon those who apply—many of them entering the work as a mere temporary business and for present support. The examinations are necessarily to some extent superficial, and cannot reach fully into the higher qualifications of capacity—learning and character—required on the part of those into whose hands the educational interests of the young of the State are entrusted. I know no mode of remedying this defect except the establishment of one or more normal schools to prepare and fit teachers for this important work. It may be on account of our depressed condition that the State is not yet prepared to undertake a scheme of this sort and establish it on a firm basis; but the whole school system depends in a great measure for complete success upon the character of the teachers employed, and we will be compelled, ultimately, to adopt some better mode than is now in existence to meet this demand.

The other defect referred to, to wit, the short period during which the schools are kept open, is due not so much to the system as to the fact of deficiency in the sum appropriated for school purposes.

The schools are kept open to the full extent of the means appropriated, and, through the energy and most earnest efforts of the State Superintendent, are doing all the good that can possibly be accomplished with the limited means provided; and until the State is prepared to enlarge its appropriation, either through State or local taxation, this evil must continue, unless in the meantime private effort can be combined in some way with public aid to continue the schools after the public funds are exhausted.

This matter of public education, however, is of the very highest importance and requires the maturest consideration; and in a government like ours, resting as it does upon universal suffrage, it is indeed the question of questions.

The time is coming, and is rapidly approaching, when public sentiment will not only approve, but demand, that education in all its grades, higher and lower, shall be free to all, without money and without price.

If I had the power I would hasten the arrival of that time, and would then rejoice in the consciousness that I had borne some humble part in a work than which no greater can mark the history of any people. But you are far more competent than myself to deal with this great subject, and into your hands I commit it, commending to your consideration the very able report of the Superintendent with the valuable facts and suggestions contained therein.

It will be seen that this report furnishes much important and interesting information showing the growth and improvement of the school system. The number of pupils attending the public schools during the last year was 122,463; of this number 58,368 were whites and 64,095 colored. This is probably the largest number of pupils that has attended the public schools in any one year.

The improvement in the schools for the colored race has been marked; it is worthy of note that since 1876 the average increase of attendance of colored pupils has been more than 45 per cent. greater than under the Republican administrations. Four of the Counties, it appears, had not made returns of the school fund collected when the report of the Superintendent of Education was submitted, but enough is known to warrant the assertion that the school fund for the fiscal year 1878-79 was greater than for any preceding year.

The expenditures have been kept within the receipts and the general management of the school fund deserves especial commendation. The heavy load of debt which was left by the school officers under the Republican administrations has embarrassed greatly the working of this department, and the shortness of the school session is due in some measure to this cause.

I would earnestly recommend some legislation which will secure to teachers in the public schools the prompt payment of their salaries. The difficulties with which teachers have to contend because of delay in this matter are fully explained in the report of the Superintendent of Education. It will not be possible to retain competent teachers if we do not make provision for paying them promptly for their services.

MILITIA.

The condition of this department of public service will be found fully set forth in the report of the Adjutant and Inspector General. This officer has been most untiring in his efforts to place the militia of the State upon a proper footing, and the result of these efforts will be seen in his report.

The militia has been surrounded and embarrassed with many difficulties, not the least of which is the scanty support given it by the Legis-

lature. Notwithstanding this, a splendid nucleus has been organized, which, if encouraged, could be easily extended to meet all the necessities of the State in this department; but if it fails in the future, as it has in the past, to meet that cordial encouragement from the General Assembly which the system demands, it is idle to expect the establishment and continuance of a well organized militia, such as would do credit to the State and be prepared for any emergency that might arise. The spirit, patriotism and State pride of the young men of the State stand ready to respond to any demand upon them to build up this system and make it an honor to South Carolina. But they cannot do this at their own expense. They need arms and suitable equipments; let these be furnished and they will do the rest. The report of the Adjutant and Inspector General, however, will present the wants and necessities of the system, and I commend this report and its recommendations to your careful consideration and favorable action.

BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

Frequent inquiries have been made of me during the year by parties outside of the State seeking investments or new homes as to the agricultural, mineralogical, manufacturing and other resources of the State, with such statistical information upon these subjects as I might be able to furnish; but there being no department in charge of these matters, with collected and arranged data from which I could draw, I have been unable to meet these inquiries as fully as was desirable. There is no doubt about the fact that the State abounds in resources of the character indicated—that there is a wide field here for the immigration of the agriculturist and the manufacturer, and that we have a belt of mineral resources running through the State as rich, if not richer, than any that have been discovered elsewhere. In fact, these natural resources are far more abundant and important than is generally known to our own people themselves, much less to outsiders.

If it is the policy of the State to encourage immigration, to bring foreign capital into our midst and to have these resources developed, nothing, I think, would tend more to the accomplishment of these ends than reliable facts and data collected by some authorized and responsible agency and condensed and methodized into statistical reports and results, so that the character of our resources could be seen at a glance and the valuable information thus collected promptly utilized to the ends suggested.

This is an age of rapid thought and movements, and condensed information is of the very highest importance, and nothing has played a more effective part in the progress of other communities than reliable

statistics in reference to the various material interests upon which their growth depended, and what has been made useful elsewhere can be made useful with us.

I therefore recommend this subject to your careful consideration, hoping that some plan may be adopted by which we may not only be put abreast with other States in these matters, but also our valuable resources brought to light in such way as to attract that attention which they so eminently deserve, and may be made the means of promoting a widespread prosperity.

PUBLIC ROADS.

"The roads of a country have been frequently said to be accurate and certain tests of the degree of its civilization. Their construction is one of the first indications of the emergence of a people from barbarism, and their improvement should keep pace with the advances of the nation in numbers, wealth, industry and science, of all of which they are at once an element and an evidence; they are the veins and the arteries of the body politic, through which flow the agricultural productions and the commercial supplies which constitute the life blood of the State, and upon their condition, sufficiency and number depend, in a great degree, the health, life and vigor of the industries of the people."

If our civilization was tested by this rule, I fear that our position would not be as high in the scale as we are disposed to claim. Our public highways, as a general thing, are in a wretched condition, and one of the necessities of our situation is a radical change in the road system. We have railroads now running to most of the County sites in the State, and, as a consequence, the County villages have become market towns to the inhabitants of the Counties in which they are located, where their produce is sold, and from which they are mostly supplied with their commercial supplies. What an impetus would be given to agriculture, to progress, and improvement in every way, if to these different County sites, from the extremities of the respective Counties, were running well-graded, level and firm highways? Every branch of industry would thereby be materially benefitted, the expense of carrying to market every article reduced, and the necessities of life greatly cheapened to the consumer.

The difference as to ease and rapidity of transportation resulting from improved highways—improved by proper skill and labor bestowed in laying them out, leveling and keeping them in constant repair—is much greater than is usually imagined.

As an illustration of this fact, I would refer to a statement made by one who has thoroughly examined this subject, as follows: "In a road

rising a hundred feet in the distance of two thousand, its ascending slope would be one in twenty. One-twentieth of the whole load drawn over it must be actually lifted up the entire height of one hundred feet; but upon such a slope a horse could draw only one-half as much as he can upon a level road, and two horses, therefore, will be needed on such a road to do the work of one if the road was level." If this be the fact—in the matter of leveling and properly grading simply—the cost of carriage could be greatly reduced; and when is added to this the constant repairs of the surface—which could be kept up by a judicious system—the advantages would be almost incalculable. These advantages would not be confined to those who trade at the market towns, but would extend to the towns themselves, enabling them to grow and expand indefinitely, multiplying their population and increasing their wealth. Our present system, if adhered to for all time, could never produce these results. It is deficient in two essential particulars—skilled superintendence and control, and constant and efficient labor. These cannot be supplied by the present system. Each County should have a practical engineer or road commissioner in sole charge of the County highways; his whole time should be devoted to the business. The necessary labor should be furnished him by County and other convicts, commutation tax, and such other labor as might not be able or willing to pay the tax. And this officer should be held strictly responsible for the condition of the roads. In a system of this sort, after a short experiment, I am fully persuaded the people would most cordially co-operate; and, besides furnishing employment for many deserving young men, and inducing scientific education in a direction much needed for the full development of our resources, a patriotic rivalry would spring up in the different Counties, and with the different officers in charge, which would soon work a most wonderful change in the face of our country—leading to the wealth and prosperity of the whole State. I most earnestly recommend this subject to your consideration as the one matter most needing attention in our present condition.

Governor McDuffie, in his Message to the General Assembly in 1837, in discussing the road system of that day, said: "The roads through the State are in a much neglected condition. I traveled through some of the Western districts of the State soon after the crops were laid by, and found the roads in many places almost impassable by a wagon or carriage. The citizen loses, as it may be safely affirmed, four times as much labor as is rendered to the State, and the portion that is bestowed on the roads is so injudiciously directed that it seldom does any substantial good, and very often amounts to a public nuisance." This was said more than fifty years ago, and is as appropriate now as then. Suppose that a more efficient system had been adopted then, and since that time faith-

fully carried out until now, a half century. The imagination could scarcely picture the difference.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

Under the Act of the General Assembly, passed at its last session, creating the office of Railroad Commissioner, and defining its duties, I appointed General M. L. Bonham, of Edgefield, to this office, who entered upon the discharge of his duties in January.

The Act requires that the report of this officer should be made through the Governor to your honorable bodies, and I herewith transmit it. The salary of this officer and the incidental expenses, as provided for in the Act, are to be borne by the several corporations owning or operating railroads in the State, according to their gross income, to be apportioned by the Comptroller General. All the railroad companies in the State have promptly responded to the assessments made upon them by the Comptroller for this purpose except the South Carolina Railroad. This company being in the hands of a Receiver, appointed by the United States Court, has declined, as I am informed, up to this time to pay its apportionment, awaiting the judgment of that Court as to its liability. The proportion due by this road constitutes a very considerable part of the Commissioner's salary and other expenses, and, remaining unpaid, is calculated to impede this officer in the discharge of his duty and seriously to affect his efficiency. In most of the States in which Railroad Commissioners have been appointed all expenses incident to the office, as I understand, are paid directly from the Treasury, and in some subsequently recouped from the roads. Some legislation is necessary to meet the difficulty above mentioned, and to have paid to the Commissioner that portion of the expenses and salary which the South Carolina Railroad has failed to pay; and in taking action on this subject I would recommend such further action be taken as will prevent in future the recurrence of a similar difficulty, and I further recommend that the salary of this officer be paid monthly, as other salaries are paid.

PHOSPHATE COMMISSIONER AND AGENT.

By virtue of an Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to establish a system of general rights," &c., &c., approved December 24, 1878, I appointed Messrs. John Bratton, J. D. Pope and Zimmerman Davis as the Commissioners authorized by Section 12 of said Act, charged with the duty of inquiring into the rights and interests of the State in the phosphate rocks, &c., &c., phosphatic deposits in the navigable rivers, &c., &c., of the State, and also of devising the best system

of protecting the rights of the State therein. By the Act this Commission is required to report directly to the General Assembly, and for information upon this subject I respectfully refer you to this report.

I also appointed General R. H. Anderson as Special Agent under Section 10 of said Act. This distinguished citizen, who during his life had reflected so much honor upon himself and his State by his brilliant career in the late war between the sections and by his ever faithful and uncomplaining performance of duty in whatever position he was placed, died at Beaufort on the 26th day of June last, while in office, universally lamented. The vacancy created by his death was filled by the appointment of Mr. E. L. Roche, of Charleston.

FISH COMMISSIONER.

It will be seen by the report of the Fish Commissioner, Hon. A. P. Butler, made to me under Section 3 of the Act authorizing his appointment, and which report is herewith transmitted, that this officer has been very active in the discharge of his duty. It has indeed been a labor of love with him, as he receives no salary. Yet he has been zealous and diligent, and has accomplished much with the small sum appropriated to his use.

The importance of this enterprise I do not think is fully appreciated. The time was in the history of the past when our waters all over the State were full of valuable fishes, furnishing abundantly at certain seasons of the year cheap and most healthful food to numbers of our people. The supply, however, has been exhausted for some years, and you rarely meet now above tide water fishes of any value.

It has been demonstrated by actual experiment elsewhere that rivers and streams thus exhausted may be restocked and in a few years made to abound with a new and more extensive supply than formerly. This is no speculative opinion, but the teaching of actual experiment, and in several of the States the people are now reaping the rich fruits of their efforts in this direction by a constant and never-failing supply of this most invigorating food, which they find free to their hands, crowding all their streams and rivers. I recommend a careful consideration of the Fish Commissioner's report and the establishment of this enterprise upon a wider and firmer foundation.

PENITENTIARY.

It will be seen from the report of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary that the convicts number 640; of these 350 have been hired out to private individuals and to railroads and other corporations, leaving about 290 constantly confined in the Penitentiary. With these convicts not

hired out, under the supervision of the Superintendent, whose zeal and faithfulness in the discharge of his various duties cannot be too highly commended, the Penitentiary grounds and property have been greatly improved—the wall extended 870 feet and several large necessary and commodious buildings erected, a large amount of brick manufactured and other industries inaugurated.

The money value of these improvements and buildings cannot be less than \$16,000, besides other work done on State House grounds and elsewhere. The discipline of the institution is without objection, and the health of the convicts better than it has been for years, and is now as good as that of any other portion of the people in the same community.

The practice of hiring out the convicts to any and all parties for any and all purposes, as authorized under recent legislation, has not been in operation long enough to enable us to form a correct opinion as to the wisdom of this policy.

Elsewhere this practice has given great dissatisfaction, and I understand that in some of our sister States the laws permitting it, after trial, have been repealed. In some of the Counties in which the convicts have been hired in this State complaints have been made, and the grand juries in one or more of these Counties have presented the practice as an evil. It has been objected to on the ground that the convicts have not been sufficiently guarded and that their labor comes in competition with the labor of the country. In my last Message I recommended that this labor or a portion of it should be utilized outside of the Penitentiary walls in works of a quasi-public nature and in the development of our resources; and while due consideration should be given to the opinion of the grand juries referred to, I must say that I have seen as yet no sufficient reason to change my opinion on that subject, and before this policy is abandoned I think it should be given a thorough trial.

The evils complained of, growing out of the absence of proper guarding, can be remedied, and I do not think that the labor of the country is so abundant as to be seriously affected by the competition referred to. At all events, these convicts should be made in some way to support themselves, and the people thereby and to that extent relieved from taxation. And until some remunerating industries can be established inside of the Penitentiary in which all the convicts can be employed, the alternative is presented either to hire a portion of them out or to support them in idleness from the public treasury, which would require an annual appropriation nearly double that at present made. Of the two, the former course, in my judgment, is the best.

The reports of the Board of Directors, the Superintendent and others connected with the institution will be before you, and to these reports I refer you for further information, calling your attention especially to the

wants of this institution stated and the recommendations made therein. In addition, I would recommend that the law in relation to hiring convicts be amended so as to make it a criminal offense, with a penalty sufficiently high to enforce prompt compliance, for any contractor to refuse to return convicts to the Penitentiary upon the termination of the contract and upon the order of the Board. This is important, so as to give the Board that complete control over the convicts, which their proper protection and proper security demands. It is also important to enable the Board to meet that responsibility which their relation to this institution imposes upon them and which is expected at their hands.

There will be found attached to this Message a short communication from the Rev. William Martin, of this city, bringing to my attention the destitute condition of the inmates of the Penitentiary in a religious point of view. It is hereto appended, because it presents the necessities of the institution on that subject as fully and within as short a compass as can be done, and under the hope that, presented in this way, it will more certainly attract your attention and receive at your hands the needful legislation.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The report of the Regents will give you all the information necessary in reference to this noble institution. Its work and design is of a character which meets the warm sympathy of each and every one, and its management, both general and in all its details, seems to be as near perfect as can be accomplished, and I most cordially commend it to your continued fostering care.

HOMESTEAD.

The Constitution, Section 32, Article 2, after providing for a homestead in the lands of a debtor, goes on to say: "To secure the full enjoyment of said homestead exemption to the person entitled thereto as the head of any family, the personal property of such person of the following character, to wit, household furniture, beds and bedding, family library, arms, carts, wagons, farming implements, tools, neat cattle, work animals, swine, goats and sheep, not to exceed the value in the aggregate of five hundred dollars, shall be exempt as the homestead," &c.

The Legislature in 1872, by Act, extended this exemption to other personal property besides that mentioned in the Constitution, embracing corn, cotton, provisions and other necessary articles, as a matter of justice to those who were not entitled to the exemptions under the Constitution, not owning land and the personal property therein mentioned.

The Supreme Court has recently decided that this Act is unconstitutional, and that, therefore, the parties intended to be protected thereby cannot claim its benefits. The law as thus adjudged works unequally, and while one class of unfortunate debtors is protected another may be destroyed. There is no remedy, however, except by an amendment of the Constitution.

If, in your judgment, the evil is of sufficient magnitude as to render this necessary, I would suggest that the proper steps be taken at this session by the passage of a Joint Resolution looking to such amendment. And it should be remembered that the party now in power is not responsible for this evil, but it results from the want of proper foresight and care in framing the Constitution.

CONTINGENT FUND.

The contingent fund appropriated for the use of the Governor during the last fiscal year was \$5,000 ; of this sum \$2,170.34 has been expended, leaving a balance of \$2,829.46. There may be one or two claims still standing against this fund ; and inasmuch as, under the present law on this subject, the funds of one fiscal year cannot be applied to the payment of claims of a preceding year, I recommend that out of this balance I may be permitted to pay these claims when presented. There are also one or two small claims chargeable to the contingent fund of my predecessor, which were left unpaid, and which ought to be paid, and a part of this balance might be used for this purpose if authorized.

EXECUTIVE MANSION.

The Executive Mansion and grounds need some repairs, improvements and certain fixtures for the preservation of the property and for its more comfortable habitation. I recommend that a small appropriation of \$600 or \$800 be made for this purpose, to be expended, or so much as may be necessary, under the supervision of the Secretary of State.

CONCLUSION.

If this General Assembly would promptly pass the supply and appropriation Acts, extend the stock law to such Counties as may require and demand it, mature a wiser and more judicious road system, provide better means for the comfortable support of the poor of each County, cut up root and branch the practice of carrying concealed weapons, establish a bureau of agricultural, mineralogical and geological statistics, foster and encourage the labors of the Fish Commissioner, provide for the other matters herein above suggested, and lay the foundations of the State

University broad and deep, so that as time rolls on story after story can be built thereon, as the educational wants of the people may demand, until it could stand forth amid the educational structures of the world grand and majestic in all its proportions, it might then adjourn. And leaving the rest to the people themselves, it would adjourn with the pleasing assurance on the part of its members that generations yet unborn would rise up and call them blessed.

W. D. SIMPSON, Governor.

COLUMBIA, October 24, 1879.

Governor W. D. SIMPSON :

DEAR SIR—Having been appointed by the South Carolina Conference, M. E. Church South, at its last session, to look after the waste places of Columbia, and to inquire into the spiritual condition and wants of destitute neighborhoods, especially of those remote from the churches, and of persons so circumstanced as not to be able to attend religious services at any of the regular houses of worship, among other places, at an early period of the year, I visited the State Penitentiary. Here I found a mass of human beings, averaging nearly four hundred souls, without any regular means of grace but such as could be furnished by the Young Men's Christian Association, sending a layman, or occasionally a minister, if one can be found disengaged. This, however, is only voluntary work, and confined to Sabbath ministrations, while the hospitals, with an average of from twelve to thirty, and sometimes even more, sick and dying, are without any religious instruction or advice. In view of the destitute condition in this respect of these people, I have done what I could for them by visiting these hospitals once a week and ministering to the spiritual necessities of their inmates.

Now, as the object in establishing this prison was not only to punish, but also to reform the transgressors of the law, it appears to me that the State should provide for the moral and religious wants of these convicts, and also for those whose duty it is to take care of and watch over them; regular religious services by the employment of a chaplain, or in any other way that your judgment may suggest or the Legislature may determine.

Respectfully,

WM. MARTIN.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That so much of Message No. 1 of His Excellency the Governor as relates to the stock law be referred to the Committee on Agriculture ;

So much as relates to the reports of the County Commissioners be referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers ;

So much as relates to the financial condition of the State and so much as relates to the contingent fund of the Governor be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means ;

So much as relates to the public schools be referred to the Committee on Education ;

So much as relates to the militia be referred to the Committee on the Military ;

So much as relates to the Bureau of Statistics be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements ;

So much as relates to the public roads be referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries ;

So much as relates to the Railroad Commissioner be referred to the Committee on Railroads ;

So much as refers to the Phosphate Commissioners and Agent be referred to the Committee on Mines, Mining and Manufactures ;

So much as relates to the Penitentiary and the hiring of convicts and the religious instruction of convicts be referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary ;

So much as relates to the Lunatic Asylum be referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum ;

So much as relates to the homestead and so much as relates to the more effectual suppression of homicide and of assaults with dangerous weapons be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

So much as relates to the Executive Mansion be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings ; and

So much as refers to the Fish Commissioner be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The SPEAKER announced that

St. Julian Bland is appointed Bill Clerk instead of Wm. H. Talley, resigned.

Mr. J. A. Deal is added to the Committee on Incorporations and Internal Improvements.

Mr. W. S. Allen is added to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries and the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Trantham is added to the Committee on Railroads and the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. Benjamin H. Rice is added to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and the Committee on the Penitentiary.

John Lake is appointed as Page instead of James Cantwell, resigned.

Gilbert Hogg is appointed Laborer instead of Fozzle Cantey, resigned.

Mr. Charles Richardson Miles is added to the Judiciary Committee.

The SPEAKER called for reports of standing Committees.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions and such like papers.

Mr. MURRAY introduced the following concurrent resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Whereas the present condition of the State of South Carolina demands a continuation of rigid economy in every department of our government ; and whereas we recognize the necessity of a short session of the Legislature as one means by which this economy can be promoted ; therefore.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, the Senate concurring, That this General Assembly do adjourn *sine die* on Tuesday, the 23d day of December, A. D. 1879, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Mr. BRITTON introduced the following resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee of this House report by Bill or otherwise what legislation may be necessary for the further protection of the ballot box from fraud or other means tending to the demoralization of the right of suffrage.

Mr. BEATY submitted extracts from the report of the grand jury of Lancaster County, June Term, 1879.

So much thereof as relates to the time of payment of taxes was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

So much thereof as relates to carrying concealed deadly weapons was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

So much as relates to aid to repair the court house was referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Mr. MULLER submitted extracts from the presentment of the grand jury of Lexington County.

So much thereof as refers to the debt due by the County to the teachers of public schools was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

So much as relates to carrying concealed weapons was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, ordered that when this House adjourns it be adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. ELKINS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill providing for the appointment of Chaplain of the South Carolina Penitentiary.

Mr. HASKELL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to amend the tax law of the State ;

A Bill to enable G. D. Haltiwanger and M. C. Hammond to apply for admission to the bar ;

A Bill to incorporate the Cambrian Phosphate Company of Columbia ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to D. H. Smith, trustee under the will of Martha D. Pyatt, deceased, certificates of stock in lieu of the originals, which have been lost or mislaid ;

A Bill to authorize the Adjutant and Inspector General to purchase certain guns for the Columbia Light Artillery.

Mr. MULLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Georgetown, Charleston, Richland and Aiken Counties ;"

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Greenville, Marlboro, Colleton, Georgetown, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston ;"

A Bill to provide for the payment of the past due school claims in Lexington County ;

A Bill to punish and prevent the carrying of deadly weapons concealed about the person.

Mr. BRITTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to regulate the compensation of the Coroner of Charleston County ;

A Bill to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons and providing the punishment therefor ;

A Bill to provide artificial legs for all citizens of the State who lost their legs during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865 ;

A Bill to determine and fix the compensation of the physician to attend at the jail in Charleston County.

Mr. BACON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of this State in regard to the homestead.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to provide for the more efficient performance of his duty by the School Commissioner of Charleston County ;

A Bill respecting the mode of funding the debt of Charleston County and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same ;

A Bill to amend Section 1, Chapter CXVI, Title III, Part III, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Foreclosure and Redemption of Mortgages ;"

A Bill further to regulate the practice of the Trial Justice Courts in the city of Charleston ;

A Bill to amend Chapter XCII, Section 1, Title III, Part II, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Liability of Heirs ;"

A Bill to protect the rights of creditors of joint stock companies and to regulate the same.

Mr. EARLE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the town of Mayesville ;

A Bill in reference to the past indebtedness of Sumter County ;

A Bill to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands and to fix the time for the sale of such forfeited lands as shall not be redeemed under the provisions of this Bill.

Mr. COOKE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to regulate the agencies of insurance companies or associations not incorporated in this State and to better protect holders of insurance policies therein ;

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina relating to the homestead exemption ;

A Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Greer, in Greenville County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof.

Mr. LAMBSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill for the relief of certain taxpayers of Williamsburg County.

Mr. MILES gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to incorporate the Southern Coast and River Navigation Company ;

A Bill to amend and extend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue four per cent. coupon bonds for the purpose of taking up and retiring the stock of the said city.

Mr. MURRAY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to amend Part IV, Title I of Chapter CXXIX and Section 9 of the Revised Statutes relative to stealing crops from the field;

A Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, Chapter CXXVIII, and Section 18 of the Revised Statutes relating to obstructing railroads;

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina relative to the homestead exemption.

Mr. KELLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to establish the Haig's Landing road in Orangeburg County as a public road.

Mr. B. H. RICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to punish persons for the removal or secreting of personal property levied on by the Sheriff or other officers," approved 19th November, 1873.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the establishment of a new township and school district in Chester County, and to authorize the levy and collection of a local tax therein.

Mr. HAMER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to prevent the carrying of concealed deadly weapons.

Mr. B. H. RICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for a graded school in Union County.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina relative to the time of holding general elections;

A Joint Resolution (from the Senate) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina relative to the time of holding general elections;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts and other officers;"

A Bill to amend an Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers therein named;

A Bill to amend an Act to regulate plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys' costs and of other officers;

A Joint Resolution proposing amendments to Article II, Sections 11 and 12, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina;

Petition of Robert Aldrich for compensation as attorney-at-law for professional services rendered the State;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and costs and fees of Clerks of Court, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers herein mentioned," approved March 22, 1878.

The following Bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

A Bill (from the Senate) to repeal Section 2, Chapter XXXVII, page 244, of the General Statutes.

The following Bills were recommitted to the Committee on Privileges and Elections:

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections," approved March 22, 1878;

A Bill to provide for the registration of the electors of this State in conformity with Article VIII, Section 3, of the State Constitution;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections;"

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to establish by law the voting precincts in the various Counties of this State" so far as relates to Greenville County;

Report of Committee on Privileges and Elections on petition and counter petition for and against abolishing Trenholm precinct in Richland County.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means:

A Joint Resolution (from the Senate) to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Charles Richardson Miles, administrator of Ralph S. Izard, deceased, certain bonds of the State in lieu of others which have been lost or destroyed;

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Comptroller General to issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum of one thousand dollars in favor of Mrs. Isabella Werner and children in payment for the balance due for cost of iron Palmetto tree;

A Joint Resolution to empower the Comptroller General to issue a warrant in payment of the claim of Josiah Doar & Co., of Georgetown, for advertising sale of forfeited lands in 1876.

A Bill to provide for the surrender of certain bonds and certificates of stock, coupons and interest orders herein mentioned, and for the issue of other bonds and certificates of stock in lieu thereof.

The following Bills were recommitted to the Charleston Delegation :

Report of the Charleston Delegation on the petition of sundry citizens of Charleston County in relation to the fence law ;

A Bill to charter the Charleston Artesian Well and Water Company in the State of South Carolina.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same,'" approved March 1, 1878, was recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

A Joint Resolution appropriating thirty dollars to pay the expenses of A. P. McCormic as messenger appointed by the Commissioners of Election for Horry County was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A Bill to establish a Bureau of Agricultural Statistics and Mining in lieu of the office of Inspector of Phosphates was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several cities, towns and incorporated villages of the State and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therein was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

A Bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines and other compounds the composition and mode of preparation of which are unknown was recommitted to the Medical Committee.

A Bill (from the Senate) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the better organization of the Fourth Brigade of South Carolina Volunteer Troops" was referred to the Military Committee.

Joint Resolution (from the Senate) to require the executive officers of the State and the Superintendents of public institutions to hand in their reports to the State Printer on or before the 10th day of November in each year hereafter was referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on memorial and petition of William Cutting was ordered to be laid on the table.

A resolution to call a convention of the people to meet in the city of Columbia on the first Tuesday in August, 1879, was withdrawn by Mr. J. H. RICE.

The following Bills were indefinitely postponed :

A Bill to amend Chapter LI, Title XII, Part I, of the General Statutes, in relation to the inspection of flour, meal, wheat, corn and rye, and to make said inspection optional ;

A Joint Resolution to enable the County Commissioners of Sumter County to draw warrants in payment of assessment of property of fiscal year 1876.

A Bill to prevent and punish the intermarriage of races was made the Special Order of the day for Wednesday, December 3d, at 12 o'clock M.

The following Bills were read the third time and ordered to be sent to the Senate:

A Bill to further amend the charter of the town of Moultrieville, Sullivan's Island;

A Bill to incorporate the town of Jacksonboro.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, the House was adjourned at 2.10 o'clock P. M., to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll, when the SPEAKER took the chair, and, a quorum being present, according to the order of the House, the deliberations were opened with prayer to Almighty God by the Rev. William Martin.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

Mr. W. B. Rice, a member elect from Barnwell, attended at the bar of the House, was sworn by the SPEAKER, and took his seat.

The following additional members attended and took their seats:

From the County of Orangeburg,

Mr. IRA T. SHOEMAKER.

From the County of Kershaw,

Mr. J. D. KENNEDY.

From the County of Aiken,

Mr. JOHN M. BELL.

From the County of Laurens,

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON.

From the County of Chester,

Mr. A. F. ANDERSON.

The SPEAKER announced that Mr. W. B. Rice is added to the Medical Committee and to the Committee on Agriculture.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, Mr. SIMONTON introduced

A Bill to amend Chapter XCII, Section 1, Title III, Part II, of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Of the Liability of Heirs."

Also,

A Bill further to regulate the practice of the Trial Justices' Courts in the city of Charleston.

Also,

A Bill to protect the rights of creditors of joint stock companies and to regulate the same.

Also,

A Bill to amend Section 1, Chapter CXVI, Title III, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Foreclosure and Redemption of Mortgages."

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill respecting the mode of funding the debt of Charleston County and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Also,

A Bill to provide for the more efficient performance of his duty by the School Commissioner of Charleston County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also, presented the claim of Memminger, Pinckney & Jervey.

Also, presented the claim of Memminger, Pinckney & Jervey.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MURRRAY introduced

A Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, of Chapter CXXIX, and Section 9, of the Revised Statutes, relating to stealing crops from the field, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also,

A Bill to amend Part IV., Title I, Chapter CXXVIII, and Section 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to obstructing railroads, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also,

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina relative to the homestead exemption, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. J. H. RICE presented the claim of John F. Treutlen for payment of rewards.

Also, presented the claim of J. F. Hodges.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BRITTON introduced a Bill to regulate the compensation of the Coroner of Charleston County.

Also,

A Bill to determine and fix the compensation of the physician to attend on the jail in Charleston.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Also,

A Bill to provide artificial legs for all citizens of the State who lost their legs during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, which was read the the first time and referred to the Medical Committee.

Also,

A Bill to prevent the carrying of concealed or deadly weapons and providing punishment therefor, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, presented the petition of A. W. Bellinger, M. D., which was referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MILES introduced

A Bill to amend and extend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue four per cent. coupon bonds for the purpose of taking up the stock of the said city," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the Southern Coast and River Navigation Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also, presented the petition of Walker, Evans & Cogswell, praying payment of account against the State, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. FICKEN presented the petition of the Union Bank of South Carolina to have the charter of the bank amended in certain particulars, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to provide for the establishment of a new township and school district in Chester County, and to authorize the levy and collection of a

local tax therein, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also, presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Chester to be made a separate school district, with power to levy an additional tax, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. BARRON presented the petition of the County Commissioners of Clarendon County in relation to school claims, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON presented the presentment of the grand jury of Colleton County relative to expense of collection of poll tax, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. COOKE introduced

A Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Greer and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof, in the County of Greenville.

Also,

A Bill to regulate the agencies of insurance companies or associations not incorporated in this State, and to better protect holders of insurance policies therein.

Also,

Joint Resolution proposing amendments to Section 32 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina relative to the homestead.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON presented the presentment of the grand jury of Hampton County, which was referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Mr. MORRISON introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to introduce a Bill to abolish the office of Trial Justice and provide such inferior Court or Courts as may be necessary in lieu thereof.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MULLER introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Georgetown, Charleston, Richland and Aiken Counties," approved December 23, 1878.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Greenville, Marlboro, Colleton, Georgetown, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston," approved December 23, 1878.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. KELLER introduced

A Bill to establish the Haig's Landing road, in Orangeburg County, as a public road, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. HANE presented the following claims, which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims:

Claim of John C. Pike; also,

Claim of W. J. DeTreville; also,

Claim of E. J. Cain.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BACON introduced

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SHAW presented the claim of Winthrop Williams for services as clerk of State Board of Equalization, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. HASKELL introduced

A Bill to enable M. C. Hammond to apply for admission to the bar.

Also,

A Bill to enable G. D. Haltiwanger to apply for admission to the bar.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the Cambrian Raw Bone Phosphate Company, of Columbia, S. C., which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to David H. Smith, trustee under the last will and testament of Mrs Mattie H. Pyatt, deceased, certain certificates of State stock in lieu of the originals, which have been lost or destroyed, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, presented the following presentments of the grand jury of Richland County, which were severally referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Extract from presentment of grand jury, March Term, 1879;

Extract from presentment of grand jury, July Term, 1879;

Extract from presentment of grand jury, Fall Term, 1879.

Mr. CARLISLE presented a petition for a new election precinct in the County of Spartanburg, which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ELKINS introduced

A Bill to provide for the appointment of Chaplain of the South Carolina Penitentiary, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. EARLE introduced

A Bill to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands, and to provide for the sale of such forfeited lands as shall not be redeemed under the provisions of this Bill, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. B. H. RICE introduced

A Bill to provide for a graded school in Union, S. C., which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. FULMORE presented the claim of G. W. Arms, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. MASSEY presented the memorial of sundry citizens of York County in relation to the will of John Blair, deceased, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

Annual report of the County Commissioners of York County, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MILES introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize and empower the State Treasurer to issue deficiency bonds to Hon. Isaac W. Hayne, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 25, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has laid on the table Bill (House) to authorize and require the County Commissioners of the County of Chester to levy and collect a special tax and

to provide for the payment of the past due school indebtedness of said County.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 2.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, November 27, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

Mr. Albert Guerry, the distinguished artist, formerly of South Carolina, but now a resident of Atlanta, Ga., has presented the State of South Carolina with a magnificent portrait of General John B. Gordon, of Georgia, painted by Mr. Guerry.

I have the honor to enclose the correspondence which has passed on the subject between the committee who delivered the portrait and myself.

The portrait is in the Executive Chamber subject to the disposition of the General Assembly.

W. D. SIMPSON,
Governor.

ATLANTA, GA., October 31st, 1879.

His Excellency W. D. SIMPSON, Governor of South Carolina:

DEAR SIR—We have been requested by Mr. Albert Guerry, the artist, to deliver to you the portrait of General John B. Gordon, painted and tendered by him, some time ago, to the State of South Carolina.

In thus practically executing this generous and public-spirited gift of Mr. Guerry to his native State, we feel that honor is done alike to Georgia and South Carolina. The illustrious public services of General Gordon have won for him a deserved national fame.

His military and civic genius has adorned the great commonwealth of Georgia that had the honor to give him birth, and whose civilization he so worthily represents as a Senator. His devotion to South Carolina and his unspeakable agency in her restoration from bayonet despotism to the blessings of constitutional government have endeared him to the lasting affection and gratitude of all Carolinians for all time to come.

Mr. Guerry is an artist of whom the State of South Carolina may be proud. He has painted portraits that have stamped him as one of the foremost artists of the age; he has handled great subjects with a mas-

ter's touch, and made imperishable pictures for posterity, and he has had no better theme for his brush than the gifted and gallant Georgian whose noble and familiar form and lineaments he has painted as a "labor of love" and admiration.

The portrait of Gordon by Guerry is a vivid and magnificent work, true in likeness, a faithful reproduction of the original, and a brilliant artistic achievement.

It is a noble gift—a fitting tribute of filial remembrance from a true son of Carolina to his own State.

It is the "alchemy" of Carolina genius, linking the memory of Georgia's soldier statesman to the thought of Carolinians as Carolina's cherished benefactor.

We have the honor to be,

Yours, very sincerely, &c.,

JOHN H. SEALS.

W. L. CALHOUN.

ALBERT HOWELL.

CHARLES H. WILLIAMS.

I. W. AVERY.

Secretary of Executive Department.

W. A. HEMPHILL.

W. S. WALKER.

W. IZARD HEYWARD.

NOVEMBER 7th, 1879.

Messrs. John H. Seals, W. L. Calhoun, Albert Howell, Charles H. Williams, I. W. Avery, W. A. Hemphill, W. S. Walker and W. Izard Heyward:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter informing me that you had been requested by Mr. Albert Guerry, the artist, to deliver to me the portrait of General John B. Gordon painted by Mr. Guerry and presented by him to the State of South Carolina.

I beg to inform you, also, that the portrait has been received and has been placed conspicuously in the Executive Chamber, to await such further disposition of it as the Legislature of the State may make. I am confident that, representing the feelings and sentiments of the people, the Legislature will deal with this precious memorial in such form as will most properly mark our appreciation of the generous patriotism and exalted genius of Mr. Guerry, as well as our admiration, our gratitude and our affection for the noble gentleman, the gallant soldier, the eminent statesman and the devoted friend whose true wisdom and earnest

labor gave us such efficient aid in the struggle for our restoration from bayonet despotism.

South Carolina can never forget her debt of gratitude to Georgia for the service rendered in the darkest hour of her history, in giving her John B. Gordon as one of her wisest and bravest deliverers, and by the people of South Carolina the name of Gordon will be loved and revered as long as the remembrance of that deliverance lasts, and we will ever be proud that the lofty genius of a son of South Carolina has given to her this "vivid and magnificent representation of her cherished benefactor."

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept the assurance of my sincere respect and esteem.

W. D. SIMPSON.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That Message No. 2 of His Excellency the Governor be referred to the Committee on State House and Grounds, with instructions that they prepare a suitable acknowledgment on the part of the State to the eminent artist, Mr. Guerry, for his acceptable gift, and to report a proper place for the preservation of the portrait of Hon. John B. Gordon.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, it was ordered that when this House adjourn it adjourn to meet on Friday, November 28, at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. DARGAN, the vote whereby a Joint Resolution to enable the County Commissioners of Sumter County to draw warrants in payment of assessment of property of the fiscal year of 1876 was indefinitely postponed was reconsidered, and the same referred to the Committee on Claims.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. J. A. MILLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate Williston Baptist Church, in Barnwell County.

Mr. GAILLARD gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to regulate the rendering of decisions by the Supreme Court ;

A Bill to amend the law in relation to the registration of deeds and other papers required by law to be recorded.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to establish and charter Stanley's Ferry, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County," approved December 24, 1878.

Mr. BUIST gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Charleston Building and Loan Association.

Mr. LACHICOTTE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within this State," approved March 18, 1878, so far as the County of Georgetown is concerned.

Mr. BRICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize and require the Governor to appoint an additional Trial Justice for Fairfield County.

Mr. J. A. MILLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to punish by fine or fine and imprisonment all persons found carrying concealed weapons.

Mr. MANIGAULT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal the twenty-first section of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the several societies and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the 13th day of December, 1817.

Mr. BROWN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the charter of the Belton, Easley and Williamston Railroad.

Mr. BEATY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to recharter Brown's Ferry across the Catawba River.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of this State.

Mr. BRADLEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort."

Mr. W. B. RICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the back indebtedness of Barnwell County.

Mr. EARLE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to amend Section 3 of Chapter CXXI of Title IV of Part III of the Revised Statutes ;

A Bill to amend Section 393 of Chapter CXXII of Title V of Part III of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. McKISSICK gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Summer Terms of the Seventh Circuit.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to incorporate the Mt. Dearborne Manufacturing Company in Chester County ;

A Bill to amend the charter of the Cheraw and Chester Railroad Company ;

A Bill to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of the Counties of York and Chester to transfer to the school trustees of their respective Counties certain shares in the capital stock of the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad Company ;

A Bill to limit the jurisdiction of Trial Justices to the township in which they reside except in special cases ;

A Bill to prevent persons from charging for the weighing of cotton unless appointed public weighers by competent authority.

Mr. McKISSICK gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to exempt from levy and sale under executions corn, fodder, hay, flour, bacon, lard, molasses, coffee, sugar and fertilizers advanced under liens for agricultural purposes.

Mr. AUSTIN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to amend the law in reference to peddlers and hawkers ;

A Bill to amend the law in reference to serving civil summons.

Mr. GARRISON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section 12 of Chapter CIII of the General Statutes.

Mr. BARRON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill for the settlement of the indebtedness of E. E. Dickson, late County Treasurer of Clarendon County, to the State, and County of Clarendon, and for the relief of the sureties of the said E. E. Dickson as County Treasurer.

Mr. BLUE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to revive and renew the charter of the Marion Academy Society.

Mr. WALKER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections, approved March 22, 1878.

Mr. GANTT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to recharter White Hall Ferry.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to charter and establish a ferry across Waccamaw River, Horry County, known as Star Bluff.

Mr. MASSEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill relative to the will of the late John Blair, of York County.

Mr. BEARD gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to exempt the Walhalla Female College from taxation.

Mr. J. C. ANDERSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Enoree Presbytery.

Mr. B. H. RICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill for the purpose of calling a convention of the people of the State for the purpose of forming a new Constitution ;

A Bill to change the time and mode of collecting taxes in Union County.

Mr. LEAPHART gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Lexington County to establish and keep in repair a public road leading from Spring Hill to the town of Summit, in Lexington County.

Mr. J. A. MILLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to establish a public road between Barnwell and Orangeburg Counties."

Mr. MILES gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to dower ;

The SPEAKER called for reports of standing Committees.

Mr. MCGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Robert Aldrich for compensation as attorney-at-law, for professional services rendered the State, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, which was considered immediately and agreed to, and the Bill laid on the table.

Mr. ISAAC M. HUTSON asked and obtained leave to withdraw the petition from the files of the House.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on a Joint Resolution proposing amendments to Article II, Sections 11 and 12, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, which was considered immediately and agreed to, and the Joint Resolution laid on the table.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina relative to the time of holding general elections, which was considered immediately and agreed to, and the Joint Resolution laid on the table.

Mr. DARGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, which was considered immediately and agreed to, and the Joint Resolution laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of a Bill to repeal Section 2, Chapter XXXVII, page 244, of the General Statutes, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Bill to provide for the appointment of a Master for the Sixth Circuit and to define his powers, duties and liabilities was recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

Report of the special Committee on the case of Hastings Gantt was recommitted to the Committee.

A Bill to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Oconee, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Newberry, Georgetown and Aiken Counties was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

A concurrent resolution to adjourn the General Assembly *sine die* December 23d, 1879, at 3 o'clock P. M., was taken up for consideration.

Mr. HUMBERT moved to make the same the Special Order of the day for December 18th; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yes, 20; nays, 89.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Beaty, Bradley, Eckhard, Elkins, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Hamer, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, Johnstone, Manigault, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, Smalls and Watts.—20.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Austin, Bacon, Beard, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Child, Clarkson, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Davant, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Edens, Elfe, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Gonzalez, Hane, Harper, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, McGowan, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—89.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

Mr. MURRAY called the previous question, which was sustained and the main question ordered.

The question being put: "Will the House agree to the resolution?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 98; nays, 9.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Child, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eckhard, Edens, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, McGowan, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—98.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, Bacon, Beaty, Davant, Elkins, Johnstone, Manigault, Seegers and Walker.—9.

So the resolution was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A resolution requiring the Judiciary Committee to report what legislation may be necessary for the further protection of the ballot box, &c., was agreed to.

Mr. HASKELL rose to a question of privilege, and asked and obtained leave to have read extracts from a paper entitled "The Defense of the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad Directors—How the Convicts have been Cared For—The True Inwardness of the Penitentiary Investigation."

Mr. W. B. RICE introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to :

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. Henry Hartzog, late a member of the House from Barnwell County, the House of Representatives has been deprived of the services of an upright, intelligent and active member, and his County has lost an independent, honest and faithful representative.

Resolved, That the House tender to the family of the deceased the assurances of their sincere sympathy and condolence.

Mr. W. S. ALLEN introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to :

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. Thomas Jones, late a member of this House from Edgefield County, the House of Representatives has been deprived of the services of an upright, intelligent and active member, and his County has lost an independent, honest and faithful representative.

Resolved, That this House tender to the family of the deceased the assurances of their sincere sympathy and condolence.

Mr. TRANTHAM introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to :

Whereas since the last session of the General Assembly Hon. W. R. Nelson, a member of this House from Kershaw County, has departed this life; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives has heard with unfeigned regret of the death of Dr. Nelson.

Resolved, That in his death the House has sustained the loss of a useful member, his County a faithful representative, and the State a public-spirited citizen.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives tender to the family of the deceased its deep sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Mr. SIMONTON moved that, in token of the respect of the House for the memory of the deceased members, it do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

Whereupon the SPEAKER adjourned the House at 1 o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll, when the SPEAKER took the chair, and, a quorum being present, according to the order of the House, the deliberations were opened with prayer to Almighty God by the Rev. Mr. Whitman.

The Journal of Wednesday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The following additional members appeared and took their seats:

From the County of Chesterfield,

MR. D. T. REDFEARN.

From the County of Darlington,

MR. JEROME P. CHASE.

From the County of Marion,

MR. T. C. MOODY.

From the County of Williamsburg,

MR. GEORGE J. GRAHAM.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. HARPER presented the petition of Jasper N. Burton, to legitimize William Jackson Newby and Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Cooke, and enable them to inherit his estate, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ALDRICH presented the claim of W. H. McNair ; also, petition of Charles Edmondston for compensation for work done in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Aiken County, S. C., which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. BELL presented the claim of A. L. Holly ; also,

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Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. JOSEPH A. MILLER introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Williston Baptist Church, in Barnwell County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

A Bill to repeal an Act (No. 708) entitled "An Act to establish a public road in Barnwell and Orangeburg Counties," approved December 24, 1878, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Cheraw and Chester Railroad Company," approved February 27, 1873.

Also,

A Bill to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of the Counties of York and Chester to transfer shares of stock of the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad Company to the Boards of School Trustees of their respective Counties.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GAILLARD introduced

A Bill to amend the law in relation to the registration of deeds and other papers required by law to be recorded.

Also,

A Bill to regulate the rendering of decisions by the Supreme Court.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BRICE introduced

A Bill to authorize and require the Governor to appoint an additional Trial Justice for Fairfield County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Mr. FICKEN presented the petition of A. H. Belin, trustee, praying for the renewal of a lost certificate of Fire Loan State stock, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BUIST introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Charleston Building and Loan Association, of Charleston, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. WALKER introduced

A Bill to repeal an Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections, approved March 22, 1878, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, it was ordered that when this House adjourn it be adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SIMONTON introduced

A Bill to regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of this State, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

Presented the memorial of the Trustees of the College of Charleston in relation to their museum, and praying aid therefor out of the phosphate royalty, which was referred to the Committee on Mines, Mining and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the vote by which Message No. 2 of His Excellency the Governor was referred to the Committee on the State House and Grounds was reconsidered, and

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following concurrent resolution, which was considered immediately, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That Message No. 2 of his Excellency the Governor be referred to a special Committee to consist of two Senators and three members of the House, who are hereby instructed to prepare some suitable expression of the appreciation by the General Assembly of the valued gift to the State by that eminent artist, Mr. Albert Guerrey, of his admirable portrait of the Hon. John B. Gordon.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MANIGAULT introduced

A Bill to repeal the twenty-first Section of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the several societies, and for other purposes therein men-

tioned," passed the 13th day of December, 1817, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LACHICOTTE introduced

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within the State," approved March 18, 1878, so far as it refers to the County of Georgetown, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LEAPHART introduced

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Lexington County to open and keep in repair a public road leading from Spring Hill to Summit, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also,

Presented a petition from sundry citizens of Lexington County asking for the opening and keeping in repair of a public road in said County, which was referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. MOODY presented the petition of J. B. White for payment of salary as keeper of the Arsenal, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MULLER introduced

A Bill to prevent persons from carrying concealed weapons in this State without a justifiable cause for the same, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. HAMER introduced

A Bill to preserve the peace and prevent homicides, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ELKINS presented the report of the State Librarian, which was referred to the Committee on Legislative Library.

Mr. HASKELL introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the advisability of providing legal services to the County Commissioners of the several Counties of the State, and to report the same by Bill or otherwise.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. HASKELL introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts to provide for the assessment and taxation of property, &c.," approved March 19, 1874, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. JOHN C. ANDERSON introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Enoree Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GARRISON introduced

A Bill to amend Section 12 of Chapter CIII of the General Statutes, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. McKISSICK introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Summer Term of the Seventh Circuit.

Also,

A Bill to exempt from levy and sale under executions corn, fodder, hay, flour, bacon, lard, coffee, sugar, molasses and fertilizers advanced either under liens for agricultural purposes or by owners of land, their agents, administrators or executors, to laborers under contract.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. B. H. RICE introduced

A Bill to amend Act No. 404, entitled "An Act to punish persons for the removal or secreting of personal property levied on by the Sheriff or other officers," approved November 19, 1873, by striking out the proviso thereof, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and the consent of the House,

Mr. MASSEY introduced

A Bill removing, releasing and relinquishing a bequest of \$3,000 to the Legislature of South Carolina under the will of John Blair, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. AUSTIN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit persons living together in adultery."

Mr. LACHICOTTE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Georgetown County to draw warrants for and pay the past indebtedness of said County for fiscal year ending 1878 out of funds now on hand.

Mr. CLOWNEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section first of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage of the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort."

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to open and establish a public road in Horry County.

Mr. ALDRICH gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 7, 1877, so far as the same relates to the time for the holding of the sessions of the Circuit Court in the Second Circuit; also.

A Bill to establish uniformity in actions brought for the partition of real estate; also

A Bill to amend Section 250, Chapter IV, Title VII, Part II, of the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of attachment.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Joint Resolution instructing the Comptroller General to issue to Diana Henry a warrant for \$41.65, the same being an amount due to Samuel M. Ruker, deceased, late one of the Penitentiary guard; also

A Bill to amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes," relating to the repairs of highways and bridges; also

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto;" also

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce the expenses of the County of Charleston and to define some of the duties of the County Commissioners of said County;" also

A Bill to declare the law respecting sales of lands by Masters.

Mr. CLOWNEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to require dealers in live stock to take out licenses for the sale of the same and for other purposes in relation thereto.

Mr. CALLISON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to abolish the office of Special Agent of Phosphate Rock and Phosphatic Deposit.

Mr. BUIST gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to reissue a warrant, No. 278, made payable out of the taxes collected for the fiscal year commencing 1st November, 1877; also

A Bill in relation to forfeited lands.

Mr. DAVANT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to renew the charter of the ferry across the Savannah River known as "Stoney Bluff Ferry."

Mr. ALLEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to amend Section 7 of an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the 295th, 296th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties and to establish in their stead the office of Master;" also

A Bill to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts, so far as the same refers to Edgefield County;

A Bill to alter and amend the jury law, so far as the same refers to Edgefield County;

A Bill to confer the rights of legitimacy upon Martha Vaughn;

A Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, for extra services;

A Joint Resolution authorizing the payment of the claim of John Kennerly.

Mr. SKIPPER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to present

The petition of James T. Todd for a charter to open Brown Swamp and make the same navigable for floating timber from Sessions's Ford to Little Pee Dee, in Horry County.

Mr. WATTS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill requiring a license to own a dog.

Mr. FICKEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to A. H. Belin, trustee under the will of Francis Withers, a certain certificate of State stock lost or destroyed.

Mr. GAILLARD gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Richard S. Porcher a certain bond in lieu of the original, which has been lost or destroyed.

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to prohibit the selling of spirituous liquors in the County of Laurens in quantities less than three gallons.

Mr. BACON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to make the pay certificates of jury tickets for attendance upon the Circuit Courts of the State receivable for taxes," so as to extend the same to Constables ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reimburse the County of Richland for expenses incurred in the trials of prisoners tried for crimes committed while such persons were officers of this State."

Mr. MURRAY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad ;

A Bill for the further protection of religious meetings ;

A Bill to legitimize Julia McGee, Joseph McGee, Elias P. McGee and Robert McGee, and to permit them to inherit from Elias McGee should he die intestate, and for the relief of the said Elias McGee ;

A Bill to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons in Anderson County ;

A Bill to require railroads to furnish consignees an itemized statement of freight charges.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Eighth Judicial Circuit ;

A Bill to repeal all Acts and parts of Acts which apply the whole or any part of the poll tax to the payment of past due school claims.

Mr. MATTISON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work the public roads in Anderson County.

Mr. HUMBERT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to facilitate the collection of taxes," approved December 24, 1878.

Mr. BRADLEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to establish a department of agriculture, mining, manufacture and immigration.

Mr. J. A. MILLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act providing for the specific appropriation of revenue derived from liquor licenses," approved January 30, 1875.

Mr. LEAPHART gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to appoint an additional Trial Justice for Lexington County.

Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill for the relief of the Counties of Spartanburg, Greenville, Union, Pickens, York, Chester, Lancaster and Chesterfield, which have subscribed bonds in aid of certain railroads.

Mr. EDENS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to change the name of Josephine Parker to the name of Josephine Thomas and make her the heir of Samuel R. Thomas.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to authorize suits on certain claims against Colleton County ;

A Bill to limit the plaintiff in an action for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands ;

A Joint Resolution authorizing the County Commissioners of Colleton County to levy a tax of one mill for building bridges.

Mr. HASKELL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia ;

A Bill to provide for the disposal of all lands forfeited to the State.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the lien of executions.

Mr. BROWN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Part I, Title VI, Chapter XXV, entitled "Of Trial Justices."

Mr. PERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to pay to the widow of the late General R. H. Anderson the balance of the salary he would have been entitled to as Phosphate Agent for one year had he survived for that length of time.

The SPEAKER called for reports of standing Committees.

Mr. McGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on so much of the presentment of the grand jury of Richland County as relates to the punishment of bastardy, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, which was agreed to.

Also, on so much of the presentment of the grand jury of Richland County as relates to the time of holding Courts in Columbia, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend Chapter XCII, Section 1, Title III, Part II, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Liability of Heirs."

Also, made a favorable report on a Bill to enable M. C. Hammond to apply for admission to the bar.

Also, made a favorable report on a Bill to enable G. D. Haltiwanger to apply for admission to the bar.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a report on the claim of Messrs. Memminger, Pinckney & Jervey and reported a Joint Resolution for the settlement of the claim of Messrs. Memminger, Pinckney & Jervey, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the same Committee, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend Section 1, Chapter CXVI, Title III, Part III, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Foreclosure and Redemption of Mortgages."

Mr. JOHN J. HEMPHILL, from the same Committee, made a favorable report (with amendments) on a Bill to protect the rights of creditors of joint stock companies, and to regulate the same, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ROBERT R. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on a Bill to provide for the more efficient performance of his duty by the School Commissioner of Charleston County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to regulate the practice of the Trial Justice Courts in the city of Charleston, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MCGOWAN, from the same Committee, made a report on the presentments of grand juries of Lexington County on the subject of carrying deadly weapons, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, which was agreed to.

Also, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to prevent the carrying of concealed or deadly weapons and providing punishment therefor, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the same Committee, made a report on the presentment of the grand jury of Richland County respecting the frequent use of deadly weapons, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. BUIST, the Committee on Ways and Means was discharged from the consideration of a Bill to amend and extend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue four per centum coupon bonds for the purpose of taking up and retiring the stock of the said city," and the same was referred to the Charleston Delegation; also,

On motion of Mr. BUIST, the same Committee was discharged from the consideration of a Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Comptroller General to issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum of one thousand dollars in favor of Mrs. Isabella Werner and children, in payment of the balance due for cast iron Palmetto tree, and the same was referred to the Committee on Claims; also,

On motion of Mr. BUIST, the same Committee was discharged from the consideration of a Joint Resolution to empower the Comptroller General to issue a warrant in payment of the claim of Josiah Doar & Co., of Georgetown, for advertising sale of forfeited lands in 1876, and the same was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. CLARKSON, from the Committee on County Offices and Officers, made a favorable report on a Joint Resolution (from the Senate) to require the executive officers of the State and the Superintendents of public institutions to hand in their reports to the State Printer on or before the 10th day of November in each year hereafter, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MULLER, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Georgetown, Charleston, Richland and Aiken Counties," approved December 23, 1878.

Also, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Greenville, Marlboro, Colleton,

Georgetown, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston," approved December 24, 1878, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on the following claims :

Claim of J. T. Hodges; also,

Claim of G. W. Arms; also,

Claim of Winthrop Williams.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, of the Revised Statutes, relative to stealing crops from the fields, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on a Bill to provide for a graded school in Union.

Also,

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several cities and towns and incorporated villages of the State, and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therein.

Also,

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new townships and school districts in Chester, and on a petition to the same effect.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on a Bill to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Oconee, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Georgetown and Aiken Counties, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, the House was adjourned at 12.10 P. M. to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll, when the SPEAKER took the chair, and, a quorum being present, according to the order of the House, the deliberations were opened with prayer to Almighty God by the Rev. J. Walter Dickson.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 28, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has laid upon the table Bill from your honorable body to renew the charter of the Carolina Art Association, of Charleston.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The following Bills were received from the Senate:

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act to incorporate the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also, returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to authorize Sheriffs to appoint special deputies without the approval of a Circuit Judge.

The amendments were concurred in, the title of the Bill changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Message No. 3 was received from His Excellency the Governor.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 3.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

COLUMBIA, November 28, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have the honor to transmit the annual report of the Board of Directors and Superintendent of the South Carolina Penitentiary, annual report of the South Carolina Lunatic Asylum, and report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Very respectfully,

W. D. SIMPSON,

Governor.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the report of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary was referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary, the report of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum, and the report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,
Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to repeal all Acts or parts of Acts which apply the whole or any part of the poll tax to the payment of past due school claims, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,
Mr. BRADLEY introduced

A Bill to establish a department of agriculture, mining, manufactures and immigration, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also,

Presented the memorial of citizens of Abbeville County, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McGOWAN presented the report of the County Commissioners of Abbeville County and estimates for the next year, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also,

Annual report of the trustees of the estate of Dr. John De La Howe and return of the Treasurer to the Judge of Probate for Abbeville County, which was referred to the Abbeville Delegation.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ALDRICH introduced

A Bill to amend Section 250, Chapter IV, Title VII, Part II, of the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of attachment.

Also,

A Bill to establish uniformity in actions brought for the partition of real estate.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9, 1877, so far as the same relates to the time for the holding of the sessions of the Circuit Courts in the Second Circuit, which was read the first time and referred to the members of the said circuit.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MURRAY introduced

A Bill to legitimize Julia McGee, Joseph McGee, Elias P. McGee and Robert McGee, and to permit them to inherit from Elias McGee should he die intestate, and for the relief of the said Elias McGee.

Also,

A Bill for the further protection of religious meetings.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to require railroads to furnish consignees an itemized statement of freight charges, and requiring them to settle according to the bill of lading, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MATTISON introduced

A Bill to reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work on the public roads in Anderson County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. PERRY introduced

A Joint Resolution to pay to the widow of the late General R. H. Anderson the balance of the salary he would have been entitled to as Phosphate Agent for one year had he served for that length of time, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of collecting the entire school tax at the time of collecting the first installment of State and County taxes.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SIMONTON introduced

A Joint Resolution instructing the Comptroller General to issue to Dianna Henry a warrant for forty-one dollars and sixty-five cents, the same being amount due to Samuel McJunkin, deceased, late one of the Penitentiary guard, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act to amend Chapter XLV, Title II, Part I, of the Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquor, and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto,"

which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce the expenses of the County of Charleston," and to define some of the duties of the County Commissioners of said County, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Mr. JAMES SIMONS presented the memorial of the State Board of Health of the State of South Carolina in relation to the establishment of an uniform system of registration of deaths, marriages and births in South Carolina, which was referred to the Medical Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MILES introduced

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to dower, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BUIST introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to reissue a warrant, No. 278, made payable out of the taxes collected for the fiscal year commencing 1st November, 1877.

Also,

A Bill in relation to forfeited lands.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. FICKEN introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Allard H. Belin, trustee, substituted in the place of trustees named in the will of Francis Withers, a certain certificate of State stock lost or destroyed, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

Presented memorial and petition of the Enterprise Railroad Company, of Charleston, praying to reduce their capital stock to the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, and to be exempted from the operation of the forty-first Section of the Act of 1841, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ALLEN introduced

A Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, for extra services in making the assessment in Edgefield County for the fiscal year of 1879, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

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A Bill to confer the rights of legitimacy upon Martha Vaughan, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

Presented the claim of John Kennerly for services as Deputy State Constable, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GAILLARD introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Richard S. Porcher a certain bond in lieu of the original, which has been lost or destroyed, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. AUSTIN introduced

A Bill to further alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, in so far as the same relates to the service of summons, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. W. C. CLEVELAND presented the memorial of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company for adjustment of past due taxes, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to prevent the paying or receiving of compensation for weighing cotton in bales, except by a public weigher, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON introduced

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the levies of executions, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. MORRISON introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having the State and County taxes collected in one installment during the month of November.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CALLISON introduced

A Bill to abolish the office of Special Agent of Phosphate Rock and Phosphatic Deposits, which was read the first and referred to the Committee on Mines, Mining and Manufactures.

Mr. LEAPHART presented the petition of sundry citizens of Richland, Lexington and Newberry Counties relative to the purchase of Broad River Bridge, which was referred to a special Committee composed of the delegations of Richland, Lexington and Newberry Counties.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LACHICOTTE introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Georgetown County to pay the past indebtedness of said County for the fiscal year 1878 out of surplus funds now on hand, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON introduced

A Bill to authorize suits on certain claims against Colleton County, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Colleton County to levy an additional tax of half a mill for building bridges of twenty feet span and over, each span, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also,

A Bill to limit the plaintiff in an action for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MULLER introduced

A Bill to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the several school districts of Lexington County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also,

Claim of Noah Huffman for furnishing wood for the Penitentiary, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BACON introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to make the pay certificates of jury tickets for attendance upon the Circuit Courts of the State receivable for taxes due the County in which said services were rendered, approved December 20, 1878, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also,

Presented memorial of citizens of Edgefield and persons holding claims for past due indebtedness against Edgefield County, in reference

to said past indebtedness, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

Presented claims of Jesse E. Dent, Sheriff of Richland County, for services rendered to the Supreme Court, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. HASKELL introduced

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia, in reference to the poor of the city, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

Presented the report of the Librarian of the Supreme Court, which was referred to the Committee on Legislative Library.

Also,

Claim of T. Alexander against the South Carolina Penitentiary, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. MOODY presented the claims of Thomas R. Bass, member of the House of Representatives, session 1871-72.

Also,

The claim of Joel Allen, member of the House of Representatives, session 1871-72.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. CARLISLE presented the account of B. Wofford for services rendered as County Auditor of Spartanburg County, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND introduced

A Bill for the relief of the Counties of Spartanburg, Greenville, Union, Pickens, York, Chester, Lancaster and Chesterfield, which have subscribed bonds in aid of certain railroads, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. EDENS introduced

A Bill to change the name of Josephine Parker to Josephine Thomas and make her the heir of Samuel R. Thomas, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. EARLE introduced

A Bill to amend Part III, Title IV, Section 3, of the Revised Statutes, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill in reference to the past indebtedness of Sumter County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

Presented the petition of F. M. Wilson to have claim against the State funded under the late Act, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BEATY introduced

A Bill to recharter a ferry across Catawba River, between the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, to be known as Brown's Ferry, and to vest the same in Williams McD. Brown and Frances W. Cureton, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, ordered that when this House adjourn it be adjourned to meet on Monday next at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following concurrent resolution, which was considered immediately :

Whereas the term of office of Chief Justice Willard will expire on the 31st day of July, A. D. 1880, thereby making it necessary for the present Legislature of the State of South Carolina, now in session, to make provision for electing his successor ; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, the Senate concurring, That on Wednesday next, December the 3d, at 1 o'clock P. M., the General Assembly proceed to elect a Chief Justice for the State of South Carolina to fill such vacancy.

Mr. HASKELL moved to lay the resolution on the table ; and the question being put, " Will the House agree thereto?" the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 78 ; nays, 33.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barron, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Clarkson, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Davant, Deal, Davies, Donaldson, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzales, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, Haskell, John J. Hemphill, Robert H. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, William Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, Keller, Lambson, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, McGowan, Miles, Joseph A. Miller, Minus, Moody, Murray, Perry, W. B. Rice, Richards, John P. Richardson, Rodgers, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Walker, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—78.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, John C. Anderson, Beard, Beaty, Blue, Bradley, Britton, Carlisle, Child, John B. Cleveland, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Earle, Hamer, Humbert, Isaac M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lawton, Leapheart, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Muller, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Skipper, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham and Watts.—33.

So the motion was agreed to and the resolution ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. HASKELL introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be instructed to inquire and report what offices, if any, to be filled by election of the General Assembly are or will be vacant.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to incorporate the Merchants' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association;

A Bill to authorize the employment of the prisoners confined in the Charleston jail upon the construction of a stone road leading out of Charleston;

A Bill to amend Section 15, Chapter XXIX, Title VII, of Revised Statutes, relating to paupers.

Mr. BEASLEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to alter and amend Section 149, Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, relating to the place of trial of civil cases;

A Bill to amend Section 19, Chapter CXXIX, of the General Statutes by striking out the words "and maliciously," in the first line of the second Section, and in other particulars;

A Bill to amend Sections 8 and 10 of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the cost of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys, and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers therein mentioned," approved November 22, 1878.

Mr. MILES gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the House of Rest and Charity.

Mr. JAMES SIMONS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to establish an uniform system of registration of deaths, marriages and births in South Carolina.

Mr. ELFE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Charleston County to appoint Commissioners of the Poor and to define their powers and duties.

Mr. KENNEDY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide artificial legs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to regulate the election of Intendant and Wardens of the town of Walterboro.

Mr. SOJOURNER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to lay off and establish, and also discontinue, certain public roads and highways in Barnwell County ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and compensation of Trial Justices and Constables in the County of Barnwell."

Mr. I. M. HUTSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to juries and jurors.

Mr. J. H. RICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to amend Sections 1 and 2, Chapter XXVI, Part I, of the Revised Statutes ;

A Bill to amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. BUIST gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the indexing and arranging the books of record in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston County.

Mr. MILES gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the formation of an independent battalion on John's Island, James Island, Wadmalaw Island and Edisto Island, to form a part of the Volunteer Troops of the State of South Carolina.

Mr. CHASE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to forbid the running of freight trains and to regulate the running of passenger and mail trains on Sunday.

Mr. GONZALEZ gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to require the Superintendent of the Penitentiary to recall convicts that are hired out, and to establish a system of internal improvements and to determine the manner thereof.

Mr. REDFEARN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the law establishing the voting precincts so far as relates to Chesterfield County.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charleston.

Mr. B. H. RICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill regulating the sale of phosphate and other fertilizers within this State.

Mr. J. J. DARGAN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to define and punish the crime of housebreaking;

A Bill to provide for compensation for service of process by private persons;

A Bill to fix the time for legislative enactments to take effect;

A Bill to provide for security for costs in appeals from Trial Justices' Courts.

Mr. DEWBERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize and require Trial Justices and other officers of this State to countersign warrants of arrest issued by competent authority in other States.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution requiring County Treasurers to pay out school funds remaining in their hands from former years to the school expenses of the current year.

Mr. BEATY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the South Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in America.

Mr. ELFE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto," approved March 19, 1874, so far as the same applies to the County of Charleston.

Mr. J. C. ANDERSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg," approved February 24, 1876.

Mr. GAILLARD gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to establish two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to remedy and supply the loss of public records, and to perpetuate testimony in regard to deeds, mortgages, settlements and other papers lost by fire at Abbeville," approved February 27th, 1873.

Mr. BUIST gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the Comptroller General to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of T. S. Weston, ex-County Treasurer of Chesterfield County, for taxes overpaid by him to the State in the year 1874.

Mr. JAMES SIMONS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXVIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestates' estates.

Mr. BEARD gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill authorizing the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay certain claims.

Mr. WALKER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C."

Mr. W. C. CLEVELAND gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Greenville Merchants' and Cotton Exchange Association.

Mr. FICKEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company, of Charleston, to reduce their capital to two hundred thousand dollars, and to exempt said company from the operation of the forty-first Section of the Act of 1841.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to regulate the manner of drawing juries in Courts of Trial Justices;

A Bill to amend the law in relation to distress warrants;

A Bill to amend the law in relation to landlord and tenant;

A Bill to authorize Alfred M. Martin to build a wharf at Martin's Landing, on Savannah River, in Hampton County.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BOWMAN, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on a Bill to establish the Haig's Landing road, in Orangeburg County, as a public road, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Medical Committee, made a favorable report on a Bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines and other compounds, the composition and mode of preparation of which is generally unknown, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Greer, in Greenville County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. J. J. DARGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend Act No. 404, entitled "An Act to punish persons for the removal or secreting of personal property levied on by the Sheriff or other officers," approved November 19, 1873, by striking out the proviso thereof, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. A. T. ANDERSON, from the Medical Committee, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Association of the State of South Carolina.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. J. A. MILLER, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on a Bill to repeal an Act, No. 708, entitled "An Act to establish a public road in Barnwell and Orangeburg Counties," approved December 24, 1878, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to amend Section 12 of Chapter CIII of the General Statutes.

The report was agreed to and the Bill laid on the table.

Mr. MCGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Jasper N. Burton to legitimize William Jackson Newby and Martha Elizabeth Cook and make them capable to inherit his estate, and reported the following Bill, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next:

A Bill to change the name of William Jackson Newby to William Jackson Burton and enable him and Martha Elizabeth Cook to inherit from Jasper Newton Burton.

Mr. BELL, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on a Joint Resolution to pay expenses of A. P. McCormic as Messenger of Election from Horry County, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to exempt from levy and sale under execution corn, fodder, hay, flour, bacon, lard, coffee, sugar, molasses and fertilizers advanced either under liens for agricultural purposes or by owners of land, their agents, administrators or executors, to laborers under contract.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on a (Senate) Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to C. Richardson Miles, administrator of the estate of Ralph S. Izard, deceased, certain certificates of stock and certain bonds of the State in lieu of others which have been destroyed, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Medical Committee, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Association of the State of South Carolina, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Charleston Delegation, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to charter the Charleston Artesian Well and Water Company, in the State of South Carolina.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, on

A Bill to amend and extend an Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue four per cent. bonds for the purpose of taking up and retiring the debt of the said city.

Also, on

A Bill to determine and fix the compensation of the physician of the Charleston jail.

Which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of this State, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within the State," approved March 18, 1878, so far as refers to the County of Georgetown, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. CARLISLE, from the Committee on Education, made an unfavorable report on a Bill (S. B.) to repeal Section 2, Chapter XXXVII, paragraph 244 of the General Statutes.

The report was agreed to, the Bill ordered to be laid on the table, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to amend the law in relation to the registration of deeds and other papers required by law to be recorded.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SHAW, the Committee on Claims was discharged from the further consideration of a Joint Resolution to enable the County Treasurer of Sumter County to draw warrants in payment of assessments of property of fiscal year 1876, and the same was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Timmons ville" as properly engrossed for a third reading.

The Bill was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were read the second time, and were severally ordered to be engrossed for third readings :

A Bill to amend Chapter CXII, Section 1, Title III, Part II, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Liability of Heirs;,"

A Bill to enable M. C. Hammond to apply for admission to the bar ;

A Bill to enable G. D. Hultiwanger to apply for admission to the bar ;

A Bill to amend Section 1, Chapter CXVI, Title III, Part III, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Foreclosure and Redemption of Mortgages ;"

A Bill to protect the rights of creditors of joint stock companies, and to regulate the same;

A Bill to provide for the more efficient performance of his duty by the School Commissioner of Charleston County ;

A Joint Resolution to require the executive officers and the Superintendents of public institutions to hand in their reports to the State Printer on or before the 10th day of November in each year hereafter ;

A Bill to provide for the establishment of a new township and school district in Chester County, and to authorize the levy and collection of a local tax therein ;

A Joint Resolution for the settlement of the claim of Messrs. Memminger, Pinckney & Jervey.

The following report and Bill was made the Special Order of the day for Tuesday next at 1 o'clock P. M.:

A Bill to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons, and providing punishment therefor.

The unfavorable report on the presentment of the grand jury of Richland County was agreed to.

The following claims were agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence :

Claim of Winthrop Williams ;

Claim of J. T. Hodges.

The favorable report of the Committee on claim of G. W. Arms was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. BRITTON, the House was adjourned at 3:10 P. M. to meet on Monday next at 12 o'clock M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll, when the SPEAKER took the chair, and, a quorum being present, according to the order of the House, the deliberations were opened with prayer to Almighty God by the Rev. Mr. Judd.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The following additional members appeared and took their seats :

From Beaufort County,

MR. T. E. MILLER.

From Charleston County,

MR. B. H. RUTLEDGE,

MR. J. M. EASON.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 4.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, December 1, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have the honor to submit the following reports :

Annual report of the Railroad Commissioner.

Annual report of the Fish Commissioner.

Very respectfully,

W. D SIMPSON,

Governor.

The report of the Fish Commissioner, on motion of Mr. J. H. RICE, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of one member from each Congressional District.

Thereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen the Committee: Messrs. J. H. Rice, I. M. Hutson, J. D. Kennedy, J. G. Blue and A. S. J. Perry.

The report of the Railroad Commissioner was referred to the Railroad Committee.

The SPEAKER announced that Mr. Manigault was added to the Military Committee.

The following Bills were returned from the Senate with amendments:

A Bill to amend an Act authorizing and requiring the County Commissioners of Lancaster and Chesterfield Counties to open a certain public road.

The amendments were concurred in, the title of the Bill changed to that of an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Bill to establish and charter Sampit Ferry, on Sampit River, in Georgetown County.

The amendments were concurred in, the titles of the Bills changed to Acts, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the town of Cross Anchor, in Spartanburg County.

The amendments were concurred in, the title of the Bill changed to that of an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate sent to this House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a special Committee, consisting of the Judiciary Committees of the two houses, be appointed by each house respectively to examine carefully the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and report such amendments to the same as it may deem necessary to be made.

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate sent to this House

Claim of W. R. Cathcart, telegraph account against Joint Investigating Committee, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 29, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected the report of the House Committee on Claims on the claims of the True Southron for \$13.50 and \$12.75, as there is no provision of law for the payment of the \$13.50, and as the claim for \$12.75 comes under the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate returned to this House

Concurrent resolution to refer Message No. 2 of the Governor to a special joint Committee.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., November 29, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in concurrent resolution from your honorable body to refer Message No. 2 of the Governor, relative to the presentation of General Gordon's portrait to the State by Mr. Guerri, and that it has appointed Messrs. Witherspoon and Siegling as Committee on part of the Senate.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Thereupon the SPEAKER appointed the following gentlemen the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. Simonton, Johnstone and J. J. Hemphill, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. I. M. HUTSON introduced

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to juries and jurors, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MCGOWAN presented the petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville County, praying that a new road may be opened from the Barksdale Ferry road to White Hall road in said County, which was referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. MURRAY presented the petition of citizens of Honea Path, praying a prohibitory liquor law within two miles of said town, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MURRAY introduced

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to remedy and supply the loss of public records and to perpetuate testimony in regard to deeds, mortgages, settlements and other papers lost by fire at Abbeville," approved February 27, 1873, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. W. HENDERSON presented the petition of the citizens of Charleston County to make no change in the fence law, which was referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. FICKEN introduced

A Bill to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company to reduce their capital to two hundred thousand dollars and to exempt said company from the operation of the 41st Section of the Act of 1841, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MILES introduced

A Bill to authorize the formation of an independent battalion on James Island, John's Island, Wadmalaw Island and Edisto Island, to form a part of the Volunteer Troops of South Carolina, which was read the first time and referred to the Military Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SOJOURNER introduced

A Bill to amend an Act, No. 413, approved March 12, 1878, entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and compensation of Trial Justices and Constables in the County of Barnwell," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BUIST introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the Comptroller General to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of T. S. Weston, ex-County Treasurer of Chesterfield County, for taxes overpaid by him to the State in the year 1874, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to provide for the entering and arranging the book of record in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston County, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SIMONTON introduced

A Bill to amend Section 15, Chapter XXIX, Title VIII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to paupers, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Also,

A Joint Resolution requiring County Treasurers to pay out school funds remaining in their hands from previous years to school expenses of the current year, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also,

A Bill to authorize the employment of the prisoners confined in Charleston jail upon the construction of a stone road leading out of Charleston, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the Merchants' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

Report of the Commissioner of the Court of Claims, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BEASLEY introduced

A Bill to alter and amend Section 149 of Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes of this State, relative to the place of trial of civil actions.

Also,

A Bill to amend Section 19 of Chapter CXXIX of the General Statutes by striking out the words "and maliciously" in the first line of the said Section and in other particulars.

Also,

A Bill to amend Sections 8 and 10 of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers herein mentioned," approved November 22, 1878.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MASSEY introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charleston, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ELFE introduced

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Charleston County to appoint Commissioners of the Poor, and to define their powers and duties.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto," approved March 19, 1874, so far as the same applies to the County of Charleston.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Mr. BACON introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be instructed to prepare a duplicate of members' pay certificate No. 64, for one hundred and forty-five dollars, issued to John C. Haskell, December, 1878, the original of which has been lost or destroyed, and the money for which is now in the Treasury. And that when it is so prepared he present the same to the Speaker for his signature.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BEATY introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in America, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SKIPPER introduced

A Bill to vest in James T. Todd the right to open Brown Swamp, in Horry County, for navigation of logs, lumber and flats, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. HASKELL presented the petition of E. D. Gillmore to be exempted from the penalty for failure to make the return of assessments, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. KENNEDY introduced

A Bill to provide artificial legs for all soldiers of the State who lost them during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, which was read the first time and referred to the Medical Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LEAPHART introduced

A Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Trial Justice for the County of Lexington, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Mr. MOODY asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce, without previous notice,

A Bill to pension the maimed South Carolina Confederate soldiers of the late war between the States, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. ELKINS presented the account of Samuel Jenkins for repairing chairs.

Also,

Account of Samuel W. Rowan for wood.

Also,

Account of Ben Sutcliffe for services.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Also,

Presented the petition of certain persons asking relief, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DEWBERRY introduced

A Bill to authorize and require Trial Justices and other officers in this State to countersign warrants of arrest issued by competent authority in other States, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CHASE introduced

A Bill to prohibit the running of freight trains and to regulate the running of passenger trains on Sunday, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. H. RICE introduced

A Bill to amend Section 1, Chapter XXVI, Part I, and Section 2, Chapter XXVI, Part I, of the Revised Statutes, relating to Constables.

Also,

A Bill to amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. W. C. CLEVELAND introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Greenville Merchants' and Cotton Exchange Association, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON introduced

A Bill to authorize Alfred M. Martin to build a wharf at Martin's Landing, on Savannah River, in Hampton County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BRICE introduced

A Bill to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield, and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CLOWNEY submitted

Extracts from the report of the grand jury of Fairfield County relating to Trial Justices, bonds of public officers, tax sales and compromises, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DARGAN introduced

A Bill to define and prescribe punishment for housebreaking.

Also,

A Bill to fix the time for legislative enactments to take effect.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ALLEN introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties and establish in their stead the office of Master, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CALLISON presented the petition of H. W. Addison, attorney, for professional services rendered the State, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MORRISON introduced

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of the various Counties to publish certain reports before the sitting of each term of the Court, and to file said reports with the grand jury, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. JAMES SIMONS introduced.

A Bill to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestates' estates, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to establish an uniform system of registration of deaths, marriages and births in South Carolina, which was read the first time and referred to the Medical Committee.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section 26, Chapter CXXIX, of the Revised Statutes, (at page 719) so as to permit owners of stock or their agents or servants to enter on the unenclosed land of another, after notice, to drive off said stock.

Mr. BOWMAN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A memorial from certain citizens of Orangeburg County relative to the establishment of a certain public road in that County, also a Bill relating to the same; also,

A Bill to provide for the payment of the past due indebtedness of the school districts of Orangeburg County.

Mr. SHOEMAKER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the payment of the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County.

Mr. RUTLEDGE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cedé to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved 20th December, 1878; also,

A Bill to authorize the construction of a canal across Charleston Neck, in Charleston County.

Mr. ALLEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to provide for the establishment of a new school district in the County of Edgefield, and to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax therein; also,

A Bill to open a certain public road in Edgefield County.

Mr. CHILDS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to pay the claim of W. Henry Hester for services rendered as Auditor of Pickens County from December 24, 1878, to February 6, 1879.

Mr. BEASLEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill imposing a tax, and prescribing the mode of collecting the same, on the privilege of selling wines, alcoholic and malt liquors within the limits of this State.

Mr. DARGAN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to require all seizures of personal property under a mortgage to be made by a commissioned and bonded officer ; also,

A Bill to fix the time for advertising personal property before sale ; also,

A Bill to provide for the redemption of mortgaged chattels any time before sale ; also,

A Bill prescribing the penalty for a Sheriff who purchases property at his own sales ; also,

A Bill to regulate the appointment and salary of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter.

Mr. BUIST gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

Report of the Pharmaceutical Association of the State of South Carolina.

Mr. KENNEDY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section 4, Chapter CIV, page 494, of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. EARLE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts providing for the assessment and taxation of property into one Act, and to provide the manner in which property and polls shall be assessed and collected.

Mr. McKISSICK gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to better protect those who make advances for agricultural purposes.

Mr. BARBER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal Section 56, page 95, of the Revised Statutes, so far as relates to the office of County Auditor.

Mr. BLUE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill for the better protection of migratory fish ; also,

A Bill to require all wholesale and retail dealers in spirituous liquors to obtain a license from the State and fixing the fees for the same.

Mr. MORRISON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the town of Hampton.

Mr. DAVIS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to require the County Treasurers of each County to attend at the different voting precincts for the collection of the taxes of their respective Counties.

Mr. WILSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution calling a Constitutional Convention.

Mr. I. M. HUTSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the hearing of motions to set aside verdicts and for new trials in the Courts of Common Pleas.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to prohibit the confinement in the Penitentiary of persons not sentenced to such confinement by a competent Court.

Mr. PERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend Section 148 of Chapter CXXII of Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes of the State of South Carolina, relating to the trial of civil actions.

Mr. LEAPHART gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to establish an additional voting precinct in Lexington County.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to declare the law in relation to liens upon real estate; also,

A Bill to meet the guaranty of the State on the bonds of the Laurens Railroad Company; also,

A Bill to amend Section 111, Chapter II, Title II, Part II, of Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, being the Code of Procedure, in relation to the time of commencing actions for the recovery of real property.

Mr. MANIGAULT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Georgetown Telegraph Company.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on a Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to issue deficiency bonds to Hon. Isaac W. Hayne, which was agreed to, and the Joint Resolution laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BUIST, the Committee of Ways and Means was discharged from the further consideration of the account of B. Wofford for services rendered as County Auditor of Spartanburg County, and the same was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on a Bill in reference to the past indebtedness of Sumter County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Charles Edmondston, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MCGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to dower.

Also,

Made an unfavorable report on a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to make the pay certificates for attendance upon the Circuit Courts of the State receivable for taxes due the County in which said services were rendered," approved December 20, 1878.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also,

Made an unfavorable report on a Bill to confer the rights of legitimacy upon Martha Vaughn; and reported as a substitute therefor a Bill to enable Martha Vaughn, of Edgefield County, to inherit from Elizabeth Vaughn, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also,

Made an unfavorable report on a Bill to change the name of Josephine Parker to Josephine Thomas and make her the heir of Samuel R. Thomas, and reported

A Bill to change the name of Josephine Parker to Josephine Thomas and enable her to inherit from Samuel R. Thomas, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. MCGOWAN, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of citizens of Edgefield and persons holding claims for past indebtedness against Edgefield County in reference to said past indebtedness, and the same was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on a Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, for extra services in making assessment in Edgefield County for the fiscal year of 1879.

Also,

Made an unfavorable report on a Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to reissue a warrant, No. 278, made payable out of the taxes collected for the fiscal year commencing 1st November, 1877.

Which were severally agreed to, and the Joint Resolutions laid on the table.

Also,

Made a favorable report on a Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown County to pay the past indebtedness of the said County for the fiscal year 1878 out of surplus funds now on hand.

Also,

Made a favorable report on Joint a Resolution to enable the County Commissioners of Sumter County to draw warrants in payment of assessment of property of fiscal year 1876.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FICKEN, from the same Committee, made a favorable report, with amendments, on a Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to David H. Smith, trustee under the last will and testament of Mrs. Martha H. Pyatt, deceased, certain certificates of State stock in lieu of the originals, which have been lost or destroyed, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SUBER, from the Judiciary Committee, made a favorable report on a Bill to limit the plaintiff in an action for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to authorize suits on certain claims against Colleton County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DARGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend Part III, Title IV, Chapter CXXI, Section 3, of the Revised Statutes, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on a Bill for the further protection of religious meetings, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on a Bill to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the several school districts of Lexington, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. WATTS, the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from the further consideration of a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of the several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same,'" approved March 1, 1878, and the same was ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BARRON, the Committee on Education was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the County Commissioners of Clarendon relative to school claims, and the same was referred to the Clarendon Delegation.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on a Bill to incorporate the Charleston Building and Loan Association, of Charleston.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Enoree Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BROWN, from the Medical Committee, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to provide artificial legs for all citizens of the State who lost their legs during the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHAW, from the special Committee to inquire if the Edgefield Woolen and Cotton Manufacturing Company had violated their charter in reference to the free passage of migratory fish, made a report, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on County Offices and Officers, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to reports of County Commissioners, reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation to County Commissioners, their powers and duties, into one Act, and to amend the same," approved April 13, 1875, being No. 800, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. LAMBSON, the vote whereby the favorable report of the Committee on Claims on the claim of G. W. Arms was indefinitely postponed was reconsidered.

The report was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Bill further to regulate the practice of the Trial Justices' Courts in the city of Charleston was recommitted to the Charleston Delegation.

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several cities, towns and incorporated villages of the State, and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therein

After some time spent in the discussion thereof,

On motion of Mr. KENNEDY, the Bill was made the Special Order of the day for Friday, December 5, at 1 o'clock P. M.

A Bill to provide a graded school in Union County was made the Special Order of the day for Friday, December 5, at half-past one o'clock P. M.

A Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, of Chapter CXXIX, Section 9, of the Revised Statutes, relative to stealing crops from the field, was re-committed to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills and Joint Resolutions as correctly engrossed and ready for third readings :

A Bill to enable G. D. Haltiwanger to apply for admission to the bar ;

A Bill to amend Section 1, Chapter CXVI, Title III, Part III, of the General Statutes, entitled, "Of the Foreclosure and Redemption of Mortgages ;"

A Bill to enable M. C. Hammond to apply for admission to the bar ;

A Joint Resolution for the settlement of the claim of Messrs. Memminger, Pinckney & Jervey.

The above were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Bill to amend Chapter XCII, Section 1, Title III, Part II, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Liability of Heirs," was re-committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. ELFE, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Eckhard for three days.

On motion of Mr. McKISSICK, the House was adjourned at 3 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CLOWNEY introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MANIGAULT introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Georgetown Telegraph Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. BUIST presented the report of the Pharmaceutical Examiner for Charleston County, which was received as information.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MILES introduced

A Bill to incorporate the House of Rest Charity, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. RUTLEDGE introduced

A Bill to authorize the opening of a canal across Charleston Neck, in the County of Charleston, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved 20th December, 1878, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SIMONTON introduced

A Bill to declare the law in relation to liens upon real estate, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to meet the guaranty of the State upon the bonds of the Laurens Railroad Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BEASLEY introduced

A Bill imposing a tax and prescribing the mode of collecting the same on the privilege of selling wine, alcohol and malt liquors within the limits of this State, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. SHAW presented the petition of D. R. Durisoe, Jesse Jones and others for services rendered as Election Commissioners, Managers; &c., for Edgefield County, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. PERRY introduced

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend Section 148 of Chapter CXXII of Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes of the State of South Carolina," relating to the trial of civil actions, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MURRAY presented the petition of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BROWN introduced

A Bill to amend Part I, Title I, Chapter XXV, of the Revised Statutes, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to change the name of the Belton, Williamston and Easley Railroad Company and to amend the charter thereof, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BRADLEY introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also,

A Bill to relieve the Counties of the State from the expense of maintaining persons convicted of certain offenses during their imprisonment in the County jail, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. EARLE introduced

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

A Bill to amend Part III, Title V, Chapter CXXII, Section 393, of the Revised Statutes, relating to proceeding against joint debtors, heirs, devisees, legatees and tenants holding under a judgment debtor, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON introduced

A Bill to establish and charter Higgins' and Banta's Ferry, at Star Bluff, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County.

Also,

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to establish and charter Stanley's Ferry, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County."

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. WATTS introduced

A Bill to require a special license for dogs, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. CLARKSON presented the claim of Mary A. Hunt, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DARGAN introduced

A Bill to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter.

Also,

A Bill to require security for costs in appeals from Trial Justices' Courts.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON presented the claim of the Sheriff of Beaufort County, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BOWMAN introduced

A Bill to declare public a certain road in Orangeburg County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BEARD introduced

A Bill to exempt from taxation certain lots of lands being in the incorporate limits of the town of Walhalla, in the County of Oconee, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. McKISSICK submitted an extract from the presentment of the grand jury of Union County, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. C. ANDERSON introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg," approved February 24, 1876, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. KENNEDY introduced

A Bill to amend Section 4, Chapter CIV, of the General Statutes, in relation to the time within which Justices of the Supreme Court shall

qualify, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. A. MILLER introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act providing for the specific appropriation of revenue derived from liquor licenses," approved May 30, 1875, being Act No. 657, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Judiciary:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the necessity and propriety of the interference by the Attorney General in behalf of the State in the case of *Gibbes vs. the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company* in the matter of the Laurens Railroad.

On motion of Mr. CALLISON, the report of the Phosphate Commissioner was referred to the Committee on Mines, Mining and Manufactures.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. GONZALEZ gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to establish and charter the Charleston and Cainho Ferry Company.

Mr. DEAL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize William Howell and his wife, Hannah Harriet Howell, to adopt and make their lawful heir Mary Caroline Howell.

Mr. MOODY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill regulating the time of holding Courts in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. FREDERICK gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the same person from holding the office of trustee and teach a public school at the same time," approved June 8, 1877.

Mr. DARGAN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to re enact the divorce law; also,

A Bill to provide for the registration of electors in this State.

Mr. DARGAN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution requiring the Comptroller General to draw his warrant in favor of the executor of the late J. S. G. Richardson for the payment of the balance of the salary of the latter as State Reporter.

Mr. FICKEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

Mr. HANE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal the Act incorporating the town of Fort Motte.

Mr. AUSTIN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to fix the distance for which Constables shall hereafter be allowed to charge mileage.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to conform the charters of corporations heretofore incorporated by special Acts to the provisions of the Constitution.

Mr. BUIST gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to continue in force an Act to extend the time for funding the unquestionable debt of the State.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to enable Henry S. Elliott to apply for admission to the bar.

Mr. BOWEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Pickens County to apply all back taxes due the County from the Air Line Railroad Company to the past indebtedness of the said County, and for other purposes.

Mr. BARRON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Williamsburg Railroad Company;'" also,

A Joint Resolution, to be referred to a Committee of three on the part of the House and on the part of the Senate, to inquire into the liability of E. E. Dickson as late County Treasurer of Clarendon, to the State and said County, and the propriety of accepting a proposition for the settlement of the same.

Mr. WATTS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to further provide for the assessment of real estate for the purposes of taxation," approved December 24, 1878.

Mr. CUMMINGS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to allow Mrs. C. A. Campbell to charge wharfage for the use of her landing on the East side of the Edisto River, known as the Campbell Landing; also,

A Bill to allow Trial Justices to pay to their Constables their fees on the criminal side of their Courts with fines collected by them.

Mr. JAMES SIMONS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes," approved March 8, 1875.

Mr. KENNEDY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill or Joint Resolution for the relief D. L. DeSaussure, former Treasurer of Kershaw County; also,

A Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay to Willie Jones, Captain of the Governor's Guards, of Columbia, the sum of five hundred dollars for arming and equipping the said company.

Mr. W. C. CLEVELAND gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the city of Greenville, South Carolina.

The SPEAKER called for reports of standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to pay to the widow of the late General R. H. Anderson the balance of the salary he would have been entitled to as Phosphate Agent for one year had he survived for that length of time.

Also, on

A Bill to pension the maimed South Carolina soldiers of the late war between the States.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution instructing the Comptroller General to issue to Diana Henry a warrant for forty-one dollars and sixty-five cents, the amount due to Samuel McJunkin, deceased, late of the Penitentiary guard.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of T. S. Weston, ex-County Treasurer of Chesterfield County, for taxes overpaid by him to the State in the year 1874.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also,

Made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts to provide for the assessment and taxation of property," &c., approved March 19, 1874.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to report as to the expediency of having all taxes collected in one installment.

Also, on

A resolution requiring the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire into and report upon the expediency of collecting the entire school tax at the time of collecting the first installment of State and County taxes.

The reports were severally agreed to and the Bills and resolution ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands and to provide for the sale of such forfeited lands as shall not be redeemed under the provisions of this Bill and reported the following Bill as a substitute:

A Bill to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on a Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Allard H. Belen, trustee substituted in the place of the trustees named in the will of Francis Withers, a certain certificate of State stock lost or destroyed, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MCGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to fix the time for legislative enactments to take effect.

Also, on

A Bill to amend an Act to remedy and supply the loss of public records, and to perpetuate testimony in regard to deeds, mortgages, settlements and other papers lost by fire at Abbeville, approved February 27, 1873.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to authorize and require Trial Justices and other officers in this State to countersign warrants of arrest issued by competent authority in other States.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a report and reported

A Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits within the town of Honea Path, in Anderson County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. MCGOWAN, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the presentment of the grand jury of Fairfield County.

The presentment was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to juries and jurors.

Also,

Made a favorable report on a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties and to establish in their stead the office of Master."

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DARGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to alter and amend Section 149 of Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes of this State, relating to the place of trial of civil actions.

Also, on

A Bill to define and prescribe punishment for housebreaking.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the lien of executions, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report and reported

A Bill to repeal Section 4 of Chapter CXX of the General Statutes, relating to chattel mortgages and liens, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXVIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration of intestate estates.

Also, on

A Bill to amend Section 19, Chapter CXXIX, of the General Statutes by striking out the words "and maliciously" in the first line of the said Section and in other particulars.

Also, on

A Bill to amend an Act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors, and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on a Bill to amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, and reported the following as a substitute:

A Bill to amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXII, Part III, of the Revised Statutes, relating to claim and delivery of personal property, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also,

Made an unfavorable report on resolution as to legal services for County Commissioners, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the special Committee composed of the members of the House of Representatives from the Second Judicial Circuit, made a report on a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9, 1877, so far as the same relates to the time for the holding of the sessions of the Circuit Court in the Second Circuit, and reported the following Bill:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9, 1877, so far as the same relates to the time of holding of the sessions of the Circuit Court in the Second Circuit, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BROWN, from the Medical Committee, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide artificial legs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to repeal the twenty-first Section of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the several societies and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the 13th day of December, 1817.

Also, on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act to incorporate the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad Company.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSTONE, the Committee on Incorporations was discharged from the further consideration of a Bill to alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia; in reference to the poor of said city, and the same was referred to the Richland Delegation.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on a Bill to authorize Alfred M.

Martin to build a wharf at Martin's Landing, on Savannah River, in Hampton County.

Also, on

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Colleton County to levy an additional tax of one-half mill, to be used exclusively in building bridges in said County of twenty feet span and over said size.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made a favorable report on a Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections," approved March 22, 1878, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections."

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. ELFE, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on a Bill to amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act to amend Chapter XLV, Title II, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of J. B. White for payment of salary as keeper of the Arsenal.

The report was agreed to and the prayer of the petitioner not allowed.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on a Bill to incorporate the Southern Coast and River Navigation Company, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. I. M. HUTSON, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on a Bill to repeal all Acts and parts of Acts which apply the whole or any part of the poll tax to the payment of past due school claims, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LEAPHART, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on a Bill to charter a ferry across the Catawba River, between the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, to be known as Brown Ferry, and to vest the same in Williams McD. Brown and Francis W. Cureton, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on a Bill to reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work the public roads in Anderson County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. DAVIES, the Committee on Railroads was discharged from the further consideration of a Bill to amend Part IV,

Title I, Chapter CXXVIII, and Section 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to obstructing railroads, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. J. H. RICE, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on a Joint Resolution to empower the Comptroller General to issue a warrant in payment of the claim of Josiah Doar & Co., of Georgetown, for advertising sale of forfeited lands in 1876, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 5.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, December 2, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have the honor to submit a communication from Hon. William M. Evarts, Department of State, Washington, in reference to claim of the United States, amounting to _____, on the State of South Carolina. This claim, growing out of the extradition of one Peter Froman, a fugitive from the State, originated during the term of my predecessor and not presented until after the close of the fiscal year 1878. It seems to be a just claim, but I did not feel authorized to pay it out of the appropriation of the year just closed. I therefore submit it to your consideration.

Very respectfully,

W. D. SIMPSON,
Governor.

The communication was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

ENGROSSED BILLS.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to protect the rights of creditors of joint stock companies, and to regulate the same; also,

A Bill to provide for the more efficient performance of his duty by the School Commissioner of Charleston County; also,

A Bill to provide for the establishment of a new township and school district in Chester County, and to authorize the levy and collection of a local tax therein.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 1, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected the report of the House Committee on Claims on the account of the Commissioners of Election of Kershaw County.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate sent to this House

The report of the Committee on Claims on the claim of Marion D. Harman, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also, returned with concurrence, with amendment,

Report of the Committee on Claims on the account of J. E. Dent, for services rendered as Sheriff, accompanied by the following message:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 1, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has amended the House Committee's report on claim of J. E. Dent by striking out the figures "98.20" and inserting the words "sixty-three and $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars."

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SHAW, the amendment of the Senate was concurred in.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill (report unfavorable) to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons, and providing punishment therefor, which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day at 1 o'clock P. M.

The Special Order was discharged, and the same was made the Special Order for Thursday at 12 o'clock M.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill to repeal an Act, No. 708, entitled "An Act to establish a public road in Barnwell and Orangeburg Counties," approved December 24, 1878;

A Bill to amend Act No. 404, entitled "An Act to punish persons for the removal or secreting of personal property levied on by the Sheriff or other officers," approved November 19, 1873, by striking out the proviso thereof;

A Bill to establish the Haig's Landing road, in Orangeburg County, as a public road;

A Joint Resolution to pay expenses of A. P. McCormic as Messenger of Election from Horry County ;-

A Bill to change the name of William Jackson Newby to William Jackson Burton and enable him and Martha Elizabeth Cook to inherit from Jasper Newton Burton ;

A Bill to determine and fix the compensation of the physician of the Charleston jail ;

A Bill to amend and extend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue four per cent. bonds for the purpose of taking up and retiring the debt of said city ;"

A Bill to regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of the State ;

A Bill to incorporate the Charleston Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

A Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Euoree Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown County to pay the past indebtedness of said County for fiscal year 1878 out of surplus funds now on hand ;

A Bill to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the several school districts of Lexington County ;

A Bill to authorize suits on certain claims against Colleton County ;

A Bill in reference to the past indebtedness of Sumter County ;

A Bill to change the name of Josephine Parker to Josephine Thomas and enable her to inherit from Samuel R. Thomas ;

A Bill to enable Martha Vaughn, of Edgefield County, to inherit from Elizabeth Vaughn.

A Bill (from the Senate) to amend an Act to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Association of the State of South Carolina was read the third time, passed,

Ordered, That the title be changed to an Act and enrolled for ratification.

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg,

Lexington, Oconee, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Newberry, Georgetown and Aiken Counties was made the Special Order of the day for Friday next at 2 o'clock P. M.

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Greenville, Marlboro, Colleton, Georgetown, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston," approved December 24, 1878, was made the Special Order of the day for Friday next at 2 o'clock P. M.

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Georgetown, Charleston, Richland and Aiken Counties," approved December 23, 1878, was made the Special Order of the day for Friday next at 2 o'clock P. M.

A Bill (report favorable, with amendments,) was recommitted to the Medical Committee, with instructions.

A Joint Resolution (from the Senate) was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill (report favorable) to alter and amend the law in relation to dower was made the Special Order for Thursday next at 1 o'clock P. M.

A Bill to change the name of Josephine Parker to Josephine Thomas and make her the legal heir of Samuel R. Thomas.

Also,

A Bill to confer the rights of legitimacy upon Martha Vaughn.

Were respectively laid on the table.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Charles Edmondson was agreed to.

A Bill for the further protection of religious meetings was taken up for consideration.

Mr. GAILLARD moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yes, 65; nays, 37.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, Barber, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Bowman, Brice, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Clarkson, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Cooke, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Dewberry, Earle, Eason, Edens, Elfe, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hane, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Lambson, Manigault, Maree, Massey, McKissick, McGowan, Miles, J. S. Miller, Minus, Perry, J. H. Rice, Richards, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, James Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Walker, Westberry and Wiggins.—65.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Blue, Bowen, Bradley, Britton, Brown, Chase, Cherry, Clowney, Cummings, Davis, Donaldson, Dorroh, Elkins, Garrison, Hamer, Harper, W. Henderson, Humbert, Keller, Lawton, Leaphart, Mattison, McNeel, J. A. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Sojourner, Watts and Wilson.—37.

So the enacting words were ordered to be stricken out.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill (report favorable) to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within the State," approved March 18, 1878, so far as refers to the County of Georgetown.

Mr. MURRAY moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill, and after some time spent in the discussion thereof,

Mr. MASSEY called the previous question, which was sustained and the main question ordered.

The question being put, "Will the House agree to the motion to strike out the enacting words of the Bill?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 22 ; nays, 81.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Barber, Blue, Britton, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, William Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, Lawton, Massey, McNeel, Joseph A. Miller, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, W. B. Rice and Sojourner.—22.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Barron, Beard, Beasley, Bell, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Clarkson, Clements, John B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Davis, Eason, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Hane, Haskell, John J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Lachicotte, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Mattison, McKissick, McGowan, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Perry, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seeger, James Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Walker, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—81.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Greer or within two miles of the corporate limits thereof, in the County of Greenville, was read the second time.

Mr. W. B. CLEVELAND moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 48; nays, 57.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, J. C. Anderson, Beasley, Bowen, Brice, Brown, Buist, Cannon, Chase, Cherry, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Dargan, Davant, Earle, Eason, Elfe, Garrison, Gonzalez, Haltiwanger, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lambson, Leaphart, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, T. E. Miller, Muller, Perry, J. H. Rice, Richards, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, J. Simons, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Suber, Walker and Wilson.—48.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowman, Bradley, Britton, Brodie, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cooke, Cummings, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Edens, Elkins, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Graham, Hamer, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Keller, Lachicotte, Lawton, Manigault, McKissick, McGowan, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Murray, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Shaw, Shoemaker, Sojourner, Trantham, Watts and Wiggins.—57.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The title of the Bill was amended by inserting after the word "Greer" the words "in the County of Greenville," and striking out the same words on the last line thereof.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. ELFE, the House was adjourned at 3:05 P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. BRITTON presented the claim of Riordan, Dawson & Co., which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. JAMES SIMONS introduced

A Bill to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes," approved the eighth day of March, 1875, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. FICKEN introduced

A Bill to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SIMONTON introduced

A Bill to amend Section 111, Chapter II, Title II, Part II, of Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, being the Code of Procedure, in relation to the time of commencing actions for the recovery of real property, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to confine the charters of corporations heretofore incorporated by special Acts to the provisions of the Constitution, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

Presented the petition of Alexander H. Chisolm, praying that the State Treasurer be authorized to fund the interest accrued upon certain bonds heretofore authorized to be consolidated, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That it be referred to a Committee of three from the House of Representatives and from the Senate to consider the propriety and expediency of redistricting the State into Congressional Districts, and that they be empowered to report by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced Messrs. J. P. Richardson, J. J. Hemphill and T. J. Davies the Committee on the part of the House on the Concurrent Resolution to redistrict the State into Congressional Districts.

Mr. ALLEN presented the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield County in regard to recent decisions in the Supreme Court affecting the jurisdiction of Judges of Probate in cases of partition, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. SHAW presented the claim of J. D. Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. CALLISON presented the claim of J. F. Harrison, Deputy State Constable for Edgefield County, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to prohibit the confinement in the State Penitentiary of persons not sentenced to such confinement by a competent Court, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. RUTLEDGE presented the petition of Rutledge & Young, attorneys, praying that the State Treasurer be authorized to fund the interest upon certain bonds heretofore authorized to be consolidated, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. COOKE presented the petition of J. W. Gilreath to be relieved of a portion of the annual rent of the State Road known as the Saluda Turnpike Road, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. SEEGERs presented the claim of A. Palmer for supplies furnished the State, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. JOHNSTONE presented the petition of certain citizens of Lexington praying an Act of incorporation for the village of Peck's State, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. CLARKSON presented the claims of William Green and Thomas A. Jefferson for services rendered in the House of Representatives, which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON introduced

A Bill to enable Henry S. Elliott, of Beaufort County, to apply for admission to the bar, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BOWEN introduced

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Pickens County to apply all back taxes due the County from the Air Line Railroad Company to the past indebtedness of the said County and for other purposes, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. FREDERICK introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the same person from holding the office of trustee and teacher in a public school at the same time," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. HASKELL presented the claim of W. C. Fisher against the South Carolina Penitentiary, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON introduced

A Bill to regulate the election of Intendant and Wardens of the town of Walterboro, S. C., which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CUMMINGS introduced

A Bill to authorize Mrs. C. A. Campbell to establish a wharf at her landing on the East side of the Edisto River, known as Campbell's Landing, in Colleton County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GONZALEZ introduced

A Bill to establish and charter the Charleston and Cainho Ferry Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. AUSTIN introduced

A Bill to fix the distance for which Constables shall hereafter be allowed to charge mileage, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. JOHN J. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Mount Dearborn Manufacturing Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BUIST introduced

A Bill to continue in force an Act to extend the time for funding the unquestionable debt of the State, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DEAL introduced

A Bill to authorize William Howell and his wife, Hannah Harriet Howell, to adopt and make their lawful heir Mary Caroline Howell, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. B. H. RICE presented

The petition of citizens of Cross Keys township, Union County, against the employment of convict labor for agricultural purposes, which was referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LEAPHART presented

The petition of citizens of Lexington County asking for an additional voting precinct in Lexington County, which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. McKISSICK introduced

A Bill the better to protect those who make advances for agricultural purposes, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DAVIS introduced

A Bill to require the County Treasurers of the respective Counties within this State to attend at certain places for the collection of taxes, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. W. C. CLEVELAND introduced

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the city of Greenville, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DARGAN introduced

A Joint Resolution requiring the Comptroller General to draw his warrant in favor of the executor of the late J. S. G. Richardson, for the

payment of the balance of the salary of the latter as State Reporter, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, it was ordered that when this House adjourns it be adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. BRICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to regulate contracts between employer and employee, and to impose a penalty for the violation of the same.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Part II, Title III, Chapter LXXXVI, Section 20, of the Revised Statutes, relating to practice.

Mr. ELFE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to require all phosphate companies digging or mining phosphate rock in the navigable rivers and streams in this State, in making their monthly returns to the Comptroller General, to furnish with same certified copies of analysis of same, together with other statistical matter.

Mr. DAVANT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize Walker J. Brookes and other persons therein named to construct gates across a public road in Barnwell County.

Mr. BEASLEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section 4 of Chapter LXVIII of the General Statutes, relating to bastardy.

Mr. LACHICOTTE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877, and to reimburse the County Auditor of Georgetown County a certain amount paid by him for assessment of property of said County for 1879 and 1880; also,

A Joint Resolution appropriating the sum of \$25.40, if so much is necessary, to pay the expenses of Moses L. Dorrell, as messenger appointed by the Commissioners of Election of Georgetown County.

Mr. BACON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to reissue to the Carolina National Bank, of Columbia, S. C., a certain draft in favor of said bank, which has been lost or destroyed.

Mr. J. H. RICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six."

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to pay to Mr. Elise Wagener, executor of John A. Wagener, deceased, a sum of money due to him by the State.

Mr. JOHNSTONE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the classification of the reports of the decisions of the Courts of this State, and to arrange them in regular series.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act providing for the specific appropriation of revenue from liquor licenses," approved January 30, 1875, being Act No. 657.

Also, on

A petition of the American Baptist Home Mission Society for exemption from taxation.

The reports were agreed to and the Bill and petition were ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill in relation to forfeited lands, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on

The petition of E. D. Gilmore praying to be exempted from the penalty for failure to make the return of assessment, and reported

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to remit tax penalty to E. D. Gilmore, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DAVIES, from the Committee on Railroads, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to prohibit the running of freight trains and to regulate the running of passenger trains on Sunday, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BARBER, from the Committee on Incorporations, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate the Aiken Manufacturing Company.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A resolution instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to prepare a Bill to abolish the office of Trial Justices, &c.

The report was agreed to and the resolution ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. DARGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend Part I, Title I, Chapter XXV, of the Revised Statutes, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to relieve the Counties of the State from the expense of maintaining persons convicted of certain offenses during their imprisonment in the County jail.

Also, on

A Bill for the relief of the Counties of Spartanburg, Greenville, Union, Pickens, York, Chester, Lancaster and Chesterfield, which had subscribed bonds in aid of certain roads.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, on

A Bill to provide for the appointment of a Master for the Sixth Circuit, and to define his powers, duties and liabilities.

The report was agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to require security for costs in appeals from Trial Justices.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to regulate the agencies of insurance companies or associations not incorporated in this State and to better protect holders of insurance policies therein.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to prevent the paying or receiving compensation for weighing cotton in bales except by a public weigher.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend Section 148 of Chapter CXXII of Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes of the State of South Carolina, relating to the trial of civil actions.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Summer Terms of the Seventh Circuit.

Also, on

A Bill to establish and charter Higgins and Bantar's Ferry, at Star Bluff, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved December 20, 1878.

Also, on

A Bill to amend Section 4, Chapter CLV, of the General Statutes, in relation to the time within which Justices of the Supreme Court shall qualify.

Also, on

A Bill to declare the law in relation to liens upon real estate.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to preserve the peace and prevent homicides.

Also, on

A Bill to prevent persons from carrying concealed weapons in this State without a justifiable excuse for the same.

Also, made a favorable report on.

A Bill to amend Section 250, Chapter IV, Title VII, Part II, of the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of attachments.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, on

A Concurrent Resolution to appoint a special Committee to examine the Constitution of the State of South Carolina.

The report was adopted, the resolution agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to establish uniformity in actions brought for the partition of real estate.

Also, on

A Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, Chapter CXXVIII, and Section 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the obstructing of railroads.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, of Chapter CXXIX, Section 9, of the Revised Statutes, relative to stealing crops from the field, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. RUTLEDGE, from the Military Committee, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the better organization of the Fourth Brigade, South Carolina Volunteer Troops.

Also, on

A Bill to authorize the formation of an independent battalion on James Island, John's Island, Wadmalaw Island and Edisto Island, to form a part of the Volunteer Troops of South Carolina.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to incorporate the Merchants' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BARBER, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to establish and charter Stanley's Ferry, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County," which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SCARBORO, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to incorporate the Georgetown Telegraph Company, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LAMBSON, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Cheraw and Chester Railroad Company," approved July 27, 1873.

Also, on

A Bill to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of the Counties of York and Chester to transfer certain shares of stock of the Ches-

ter and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad Company to the Boards of School Trustees of their respective Counties.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DEAL, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to incorporate the House of Rest Charity.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charleston.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort."

Also, on

A Bill to require a special license for dogs.

Also, on

A Bill to establish a department of agriculture, mining, manufacture and immigration.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort."

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the special Committee of the Charleston Delegation, made a favorable report on the amendments on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors, and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto," approved March 19th, 1874, so far as the same applies to Charleston County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to authorize the employment of prisoners confined in Charleston jail on the construction of a stone road out of Charleston.

The report was agreed to and the Bill laid on the table.

Also, made a report on

A Bill to regulate the compensation of the Coroner of Charleston County, and reported

A Bill to organize the office of the Coroner of Charleston County and to fix the pay and expenses thereof, which was read the first time and made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 1 o'clock P. M.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill further to regulate the practice of the Trial Justice Courts in the city of Charleston, which was ordered to be placed on the Calendar of this day.

Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made the following report on resolution instructing them to report what offices to be filled by the General Assembly are or will be vacant, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

They have carefully considered the same, and respectfully report, that the office of Chief Justice of the State of South Carolina will become vacant on the 31st day of July, 1880, being the time of the termination of the unexpired term of the late Chief Justice Moses, to fill which unexpired term the Hon. A. J. Willard was elected on the 15th day of May, 1877, and that the present General Assembly are required to elect to the said office, as the vacancy occurs during their term. But inasmuch as grave questions as to the construction of the Constitution and laws of the State in relation to the tenure of said office and of the time of election to the same may arise, in order that the same may be thoroughly considered and decided, upon mature deliberation, your Committee respectfully recommend that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee of this House to inquire and report upon the tenure of the said office of Chief Justice, and of the right and duty of this General Assembly to elect to the same. The Committee further recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Offices and Officers to inquire and report what other offices are or will become vacant and which should be filled by this General Assembly; and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution referred to them.

The Senate sent to this House

A Concurrent Resolution relative as to alleged cruelty to leased convicts, which was referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Also,

A Concurrent Resolution providing for printing additional copies of the Senate and House Journals and Calendars, which was referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

Also, returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to charter the Inter-State Normal College, at Greenville, S. C.

The amendments were concurred in, the title of the Bill changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Mr. BELL introduced the following Concurrent Resolution :

Whereas a most revolting cruelty and inhumanity of treatment of a portion of the convicts of the State Penitentiary, who were hired out by the Board of Directors to work upon various public enterprises, has been published in a prominent journal of this State ;

And whereas the charges there made, although resting mainly upon the statements of the convicts themselves, both white and colored, are so

revolting in character as to shock the feelings of justice and humanity in the bosom of every right-minded man, and, if true, to call for immediate and condign punishment upon the heads of those guilty of, or responsible for, such heinous offenses; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Committees on the Penitentiary of the House of Representatives and the Senate are hereby appointed a special joint Committee to investigate the said charges, with power to send for persons and papers, and instructions to report at the earliest practicable period during the present session of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That whenever, in the judgment of the Attorney General, sufficient evidence has been obtained by the Committee to warrant the prosecution of any person or persons for cruelty, neglect or inhumanity toward any prisoner or convict of the State Penitentiary under his or their charge or supervision, it shall be his duty, and he is hereby required, forthwith to prosecute and bring to punishment those who may be proved guilty of said charges.

Which was considered immediately, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. AUSTIN moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to, and moved to lay that motion on the table, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL, Mr. Bradley was excused from serving on the Committee on the Penitentiary in this case, and Mr. Shaw was appointed to serve in his stead.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 6.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, December 3, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly :

I have the honor to transmit the annual report of the Health Officer of Charleston.

Very respectfully,

W. D SIMPSON,
Governor.

The report was referred to the Medical Committee.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill (from the Senate) to prevent and punish the intermarriage of races.

The Bill was read the second time.

Mr. GAILLARD moved that the enacting words of the Bill be stricken out, and, after some time spent in the discussion thereof,

Mr. CALLISON called the previous question, which was sustained; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 22; nays, 87.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. J. C. Anderson, Buist, Dargan, Dewberry, Eason, Elfe, Ficken, Frederick, Gantt, Gonzalez, Hane, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, Johnstone, Miles, T. E. Miller, Perry, Rutledge, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls and Walker.—22.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Barron, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Child, Clarkson, Clement, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Davis, Donaldson, Earle, Edens, Elkins, Fulmore, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, McGowan, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, Shoemaker, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—87.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill further to regulate the practice of the Trial Justice Courts in the city of Charleston was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills and Joint Resolutions as correctly engrossed and ready for third readings, which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate:

A Bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Greer, in the County of Greenville, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof; also,

A Bill to repeal Act No. 708, entitled "An Act to establish a public road in Barnwell and Orangeburg Counties," approved December 24, 1878; also,

A Bill to establish the Haig's Landing road, in Orangeburg County, as a public road ; also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to punish persons for the removal or secreting of personal property levied upon by the Sheriff or other officers," being Act No. 404, approved November 19th, 1873 ; also,

A Joint Resolution (from the Senate, with amendments,) to require the executive officers of the State and the superintendents of public institutions to hand in their reports to the State Printer on or before the 10th day of November in each year hereafter, which was read the third time and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments ; also,

A Joint Resolution appropriating the sum of thirty dollars, if so much be necessary, to defray the expenses of H. P. McCormic as messenger appointed by the Commissioners of Election of Horry County, which was read the third time and recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Joint Resolution (from the Senate) to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Charles Richardson Miles, administrator of the estate of Ralph S. Izard, deceased, certain certificates of stock and certain bonds of the State in lieu of others which have been destroyed, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The resolving words of a Joint Resolution to enable the County Commissioners of Sumter County to draw warrants in payment of assessment of property of fiscal year 1876 were stricken out.

Also, the enacting words of the following was stricken out :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to make pay certificates of jury tickets for attendance upon Circuit Courts of the State receivable for taxes due the County in which said services were rendered," approved December 20, 1878.

The following Joint Resolution and Bill were severally read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for third readings :

A Joint Resolution (with amendments) to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to David H. Smith, trustee under the last will and testament of Mrs. Martha H. Pyatt, deceased, certain certificates of State stock in lieu of the originals, which have been lost or destroyed ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation to County Commissioners, their powers and duties, into one Act, and to amend the same," approved April 13th, 1877, being Act No. 800.

A Bill to limit the plaintiff in an action for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to amend Part III, Title IV, Chapter CXXI, Section 3, of the Revised Statutes was made the Special Order of the day for Monday next at 1 o'clock P. M.

A Bill to provide artificial legs for all citizens of the State who lost their legs during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865 was ordered to be laid on the table.

The report of the special Committee to inquire as to the violation of the charter of the Edgefield Woolen and Manufacturing Company was agreed to, and,

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, the Committee was continued to the next session, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

A Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits within the town of Honea Path, in Anderson County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof, was made the Special Order of the day for Friday, the 12th day of December instant, at 1 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. MASSEY, the House was adjourned at 1.30 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

Prayer by the Rev. Wm. Martin.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The following additional member appeared and took his seat:

From the County of Beaufort,

Mr. B. SIMMONS,

From the County of Lancaster,

Mr. J. C. BLAKENEY.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MCGOWAN introduced

A Joint Resolution authorizing the State Reporter to prepare an index to Volume XVI of the Statutes of this State, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

Presented the memorial of members of the bar, Clerk and Sheriff, and sundry citizens, to change the time of sitting of Court for Abbeville from September to November, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. H. RICE introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six," approved March 13, 1872, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to amend Part II, Title III, Chapter LXXXVI, Section 20, of the Revised Statutes, relating to practice, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. WILSON introduced

A Joint Resolution calling a Constitutional Convention, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MURRAY introduced

A Bill to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons in Anderson County, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also,

Presented the presentment of the grand jury of Anderson County in relation to carrying of concealed weapons, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BARRON introduced

A Joint Resolution for the relief of E. E. Dickson, ex-County Treasurer of Clarendon County, and the sureties on his bond, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Williamsburg Railroad Company,'" which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CUMMINGS introduced

A Bill to fix the salary of Trial Justices in Colleton County and to authorize them to pay out of the fines collected by them the fees of their Constables, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DAVIES presented the petition of Luther Holly for reward for the capture of Solomon Atman.

Also,

Claim of J. L. Everett for reward for the arrest of the escaped convict Henry Perkins.

Which were severally referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. ALDRICH presented the petition of R. J. Southall for the payment of a reward offered by Governor Hampton for the apprehension of the murderer of W. E. Sawyer, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SOJOURNER introduced

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to open and declare as public highways certain roads in Barnwell County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BEASLEY introduced

A Bill to amend Section 4 of Chapter LXVIII of the General Statutes, relating to bastardy, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GANTT introduced

A Bill to recharter White Hall Ferry, in Beaufort County, and to amend the same, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. I. M. HUTSON presented the petition of Robert Aldrich for professional services rendered to the State, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GONZALEZ introduced

A Bill to recall all convicts now hired out and to establish a system of internal improvements and to determine the manner of the same, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. WALKER introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, South Carolina," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. CANNON submitted the claims of J.M. Brown, Nathaniel Phillips, R. A. McCorkle, A. M. Lucas, J. J. Buchheit, Thomas S. Gaillard and Julius Foeboy.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. REDFEARN presented the petition of sundry citizens of Chesterfield County praying for a law prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CALLISON introduced

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Edgefield, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SHOEMAKER introduced

A Bill to provide for the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DARGAN introduced

A Bill to regulate the granting of divorces, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HASKELL presented a petition for payment of the claim of the Ottoman Cahvey Company, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

Report of Canal Commission, which was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. J. H. RICE presented the report of the officers of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society for 1879, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON introduced

A Bill to amend the law in relation to distress warrants and to regulate the execution of the same, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

Presented the claim of B. B. Sams, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BLUE introduced

A Bill requiring a license from the State for the privilege of selling spirituous liquors, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill for the better protection of migratory fish, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MOODY introduced

A Bill to regulate and fix the time for holding the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend an Act to incorporate the town of Marion, and for other purposes therein mentioned," approved March 13, 1872, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MILES introduced

A Joint Resolution to complete the correction of the books of the Comptroller General and State Treasurer directed by the last General Assembly, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MORRISON introduced

A Bill to incorporate the town of Hampton C. H., which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also, presented

Petition of sundry citizens of the town of Hampton C. H., praying for the incorporation of the town of Hampton, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. RODGERS introduced

A Bill to revise and renew the charter of the Marion Academy Society, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LEAPHART introduced

A Bill to establish an additional voting precinct in Lexington County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON introduced

A Bill to amend Chapter CXXIX, Section 26, of the General Statutes, in relation to entry on enclosed or unenclosed lands after notice prohibiting the same, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LACHICOTTE introduced

A Bill to amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877, and to reimburse the County Auditor of Georgetown County for a certain amount paid by him for assessment of property in said County in 1879 and 1880, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BACON introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to the Carolina National Bank, of Columbia, S. C., a certain draft or check drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been either lost or destroyed, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

Presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of **Mr. MILES**, it was ordered that when this House adjourns it be adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion of **Mr. HASKELL**, the vote whereby the petition of the American Baptist Home Mission Society was ordered to be laid on the table was reconsidered and the petition was recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to form a new judicial and election County out of the County of Beaufort, to be known as the County of Hampton."

Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize **W. H. Ingram** to apply for admission to the bar without having studied two years.

Mr. MILES gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill in relation to the Church Home incorporated by Act of the General Assembly passed on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1852, and to confirm the acts of the Council of the same.

Mr. FICKEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Charleston.

Mr. MORRISON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices and Constables for Hampton County.

Mr. BROWN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to enable Thomas H. Martin and Matilda Martin to adopt Joseph P. Graham as their heir, and to change his name to Joseph P. Martin.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to charter the Chester Cotton Factory.

Mr. RUTLEDGE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide extra compensation to the several County Auditors of the several Counties in South Carolina for extra services performed by them or their ex-employees in making assessments of real estate in 1878.

Mr. EARLE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Magnolia, in Sumter County."

Mr. DAVIS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill requiring all persons and bodies corporate offering for sale within this State any guanos or commercial fertilizers not manufactured in this State to obtain a license therefor.

Mr. BLUE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section 1 of an Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers, approved June 7th, 1877.

Mr. COOKE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to require Masters in Equity, Sheriffs and Clerks of the Courts of this State to divide real estate sold by them into tracts of convenient size; also,

A Bill to enable W. D. Mayfield, H. F. Wilson and Charles W. Meynardie to apply for admission to the bar ; also,

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the number and pay of Trial Justices in Greenville County," passed at the regular session of the General Assembly the 20th December, 1878.

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act, approved February 4, 1878, allowing the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad Company to pay their indebtedness to the State for the hire of convicts in the stock of said company.

Mr. HASKELL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to charter the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company.

Mr. CHILD gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish by law the voting precincts in the various Counties in this State," approved March 29, 1875.

Mr. LAMBSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to make certain appropriations for the State Library and for the repairing of the same.

Mr. BARBER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Joint Resolution providing for repairing the enclosure on the Capitol grounds around the grave of Captain Swanson Lunsford, the former owner of said grounds ; also,

A Bill entitled "A Bill providing for repairing the enclosure on the Capitol grounds around the grave of Captain Swanson Lunsford, the former owner of said grounds."

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the payment of one thousand dollars to Mrs. Isabel Werner and children ; also, on

Claim of W. R. Cathcart ; also, on

Claim of Marion D. Harman ; also, on

Claim of A. Palmer ; also, on

Claim of John Kennerly ; also, on

Claim of Noah Huffman ; also, on

Claim of Jesse E. Dent ; also, on

Claim of A. L. Holley ; also, on

Claim of W. H. McNair ; also, on

Account of John C. Pike; also, on

Account of W. J. DeTreville; also, on

Account of E. J. Cain; also, on

Petition of D. R. Durisoe, Jesse Jones and others.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

Claim of Mary A. Hunt; also, on

Petition of E. A. Nelson, Mrs. L. A. Scott and others; also, on

Petition of J. M. Wilder.

The reports were agreed to and the claims severally rejected.

Mr. HUMBERT, from the Committee on Public Buildings, made a report and reported

A Joint Resolution to provide for the repairing and improvement of the Executive mansion and grounds, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill the better to protect those who make advances for agricultural purposes, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a report on that portion of the Governor's Message which refers to the stock law, which was considered immediately and agreed to.

Mr. DAVIES, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill to change the name of the Belton, Williamston and Easley Railroad Company, and to amend the charter thereof.

Also, on

A Bill to require railroads to furnish consignees an itemized statement of freight charges, and requiring them to settle according to the bill of lading.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize William Howell and his wife, Hannah Harriet Howell, to adopt and make their lawful heir Mary Caroline Howell, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. COOKE, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield County in regard to the recent decision of the Supreme Court affecting the jurisdiction of Judges of Probate in cases of partition, and the memorial was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on

A Bill to further alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, in so far as the same relates to the service of summons, and reported the following as a substitute:

A Bill to further alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, in so far as the same relates to the service of summons, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to fix the distances for which Constables shall hereafter be allowed to charge mileage.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. McGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to enable Henry S. Elliott, of Beaufort County, to apply for admission to the bar.

Also, on

A Bill to limit the plaintiff in an action for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Judiciary Committee, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend Section 3 of Chapter II, Title II, Part II, of Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, being the Code of Procedure in relation to the time of commencing actions for the recovery of real property.

Also, on

A Bill to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the Code of Procedure," being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, approved the 8th day of March, 1875.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to prohibit the confinement in the State Penitentiary of persons not sentenced to such confinement by a competent Court.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 32 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relative to homestead, and reported the following substitute:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article II, Section 32, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to the homestead exemption, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relative to the homestead exemption.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow. *

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution requiring the Comptroller General to draw his warrant in favor of the executor of the late J. S. G. Richardson for the payment of the balance of the salary of the latter as State Reporter.

Also, on

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Pickens County to apply all the back taxes due the County from the Air Line Railroad Company to the past indebtedness of the said County, and for other purposes.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to exempt from taxation certain lots of land being in the incorporate limits of Walthalla, in the County of Oconee.

Also, on

A Bill to require the County Treasurers of the respective Counties within this State to attend at certain places for the collection of taxes.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

The petition of the Union Bank of South Carolina to have the charter of the Bank amended in certain particulars, and reported the following:

A Bill to amend the charter of the Union Bank of South Carolina, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CALLISON, from the Committee on Mines and Mining, made an unfavorable report on

A memorial of the Trustees of the College of Charleston in relation to their museum, praying aid therefor out of the phosphate royalty, which was considered immediately and agreed to.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee on the Penitentiary, made a favorable report on

Concurrent Resolution (from the Senate) relative to alleged cruelty to leased convicts, which was considered immediately and agreed to, whereupon the resolution was concurred in and ordered to be returned to the Senate.

Mr. ELKINS, from the special Committee of the Richland Delegation, made a favorable report on

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia in reference to the poor of said city, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MASSEY, from the Committee on Public Printing, made a favorable report on

Concurrent Resolution (from the Senate) providing for printing additional copies of the Senate and House Journals and Calendars, which was considered immediately and was not agreed to.

The Concurrent Resolution was rejected and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of this State ;

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within the State," approved March 18, 1878, so far as it refers to the Counties of Georgetown and Richland ;

A Bill to change the name of William Jackson Newby to William Jackson Burton and enable him and Martha Elizabeth Cook to inherit from Jasper Newton Burton ;

A Bill to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the several school districts of Lexington County ;

A Bill to authorize suits on certain claims against Colleton County ;

A Bill in reference to the past indebtedness of Sumter County ;

A Bill to change the name of Josephine Parker to Josephine Thomas and enable her to inherit from Samuel R. Thomas ;

A Bill to enable Martha Vaughan, of Edgefield County, to inherit from Elizabeth Vaughan ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Georgetown County to pay the past indebtedness of said County for fiscal year 1878 out of surplus funds now on hand.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Enoree Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States ;

A Bill to amend and extend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue four per cent coupon bonds for the purpose of taking up and retiring the stock of the said city ;"

A Bill to incorporate the Charleston Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

A Bill to determine and fix the compensation of the physician to attend the jail in Charleston County.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill (report unfavorable) to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons, and providing punishment therefor, which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day at 12 o'clock M.

On motion of Mr. HAMER, the Bill was ordered to be laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 P. M.

A Bill to organize the office of Coroner of Charleston, and to fix the pay and expenses thereof.

On motion of Mr. GONZALEZ, the Special Order was discharged, and the same was made the Special Order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 P. M.

A Bill (report unfavorable) to alter and amend the law in relation to dower was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 P. M.

A Bill (report favorable) to pension the maimed South Carolina Confederate soldiers of the late war between the States was taken up for consideration.

Mr. MURRAY moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 31; nays, 76.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, John C. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brown, Carlisle, Child, Deal, Dewberry, Dorroh, Earle, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, Keller, Lachicotte, Lambson, Manigault, Mattison, T. E. Miller, Murray, Simmons, Skipper and Wilson.—13.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, Austin, Beaty, Bell, Blake-ney, Blue, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan,

Davant, Davies, Davis, Donaldson, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Ficken, Fulmore, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Leaphart, Massey, McNeel, McGowan, Miles J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, Shoemaker, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—76.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

And after some time spent in the discussion,

On motion of Mr. DARGAN, the Special Order was discharged, and the same was made the Special Order of the day for Thursday next at 1 o'clock P. M.

THIRD READING.

A Bill to prevent and punish the intermarrying of races was read the third time.

Mr. ECKHARD moved that the Bill be recommitted to the Committee; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 13; nays, 96.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Carlisle, J. B. Cleveland, Dargan, Eckhard, Elfe, Ficken, Gantt, Johnstone, Miles, T. E. Miller, B. Simmons, Smalls and Walker.—13.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Blakeney, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Child, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Davant, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Edens, Elkins, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McGowan, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Skipper, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—96.

The Bill was then passed and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Joint Resolution to pay to the widow of the late General R. H. Anderson the balance of the salary he would have been entitled to as Phosphate Agent for one year had he survived for that length of time was read the second time.

Mr. BOWMAN moved to strike out the resolving words of the resolution, and, after some time spent in the discussion,

Mr. CALLISON called the previous question, which was sustained; and the question being put, "Will the House agree to the motion to strike out the resolving words of the resolution?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 21; nays, 22.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. W. D. Anderson, Austin, Bowman, Brown, Carlisle, Cooke, Deal, Dewberry, Dorroh, Garrison, Keller, Leaphart, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, J. S. Miller, Moody, Murray, Rodgers, Shoemaker and Wilson.—21.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, John C. Anderson, Barber, Barron, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blakeuey, Blue, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Child, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Dargan, Davant, Davies, Donaldson, Earle, Eason, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, Haskell, John J. Hemphill, Robert R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Wm. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Isaac M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, McGowan, Miles, T. E. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, John P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—92.

So the House refused to agree to the motion, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The following Bills were made the Special Order of the day for Saturday next at 12 o'clock M.

A Bill to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands and to provide for the sale of such lands as shall not be redeemed under the provisions of this Bill;

A Bill to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands;

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) in relation to forfeited lands.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were severally read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for third readings :

A Joint Resolution instructing the Comptroller General to issue to Diana Henry a warrant for forty-one dollars and sixty-five cents, the same being amount due to Samuel McJunkin, deceased, late one of the Penitentiary guard ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of T. S. Weston, ex-County Treasurer of Chesterfield County, for taxes overpaid by him to the State in the year 1874 ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Allen H. Belin, trustee substituted in the place of trustees named in the will of Francis Withers, a certain certificate of State stock lost or destroyed ;

A Bill to define and prescribe the punishment for housebreaking ;

A Bill to alter and amend Section 149 of Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes of this State, relating to the place of trial of civil actions ;

A Bill to repeal Section 4, Chapter CXX, of the General Statutes, relating to chattel mortgages and liens.

On motion of Mr. DAVANT, the House was adjourned at 3 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Mack.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BROWN introduced

A Bill to change the name of Joseph R. Graham to Joseph R. Martin, and to make him the lawful heir of Thomas H. Martin and Matilda Martin, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SOJOURNER introduced

A Bill to make County Treasurers liable to taxpayers for issuing against them executions for taxes which have been paid by them or offered to be paid by them, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MILES introduced

A Bill in relation to the Church Home, incorporated by Act of General Assembly passed on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1852, and to confirm the acts of the Council of the same, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. FICKEN introduced

A Bill to incorporate Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Charleston, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. RUTLEDGE introduced

A Bill to provide extra compensation to the several County Auditors of the several Counties in South Carolina for extra services performed by them or their employees in making assessments of real estate in 1878, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. COOKE introduced

A Bill to require Masters in Equity, Sheriffs and Clerks of this State to divide real estate sold by them into tracts of convenient size.

Also,

A Bill to enable W. D. Mayfield, H. T. Wilson and Charles W. Meynardie to apply for admission to the bar.

Also,

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the number and pay of Trial Justices in Greenville County," approved December 20, 1878.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, presented

The petition of numerous citizens of Grove township, in Greenville County, praying that a voting precinct therein known as John Charles be discontinued, and that a voting precinct be established at Reedy Fork, in said township, which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BRICE introduced

A Bill to regulate contracts between employer and employee and to enforce penalties for the violation thereof, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. SHAW presented the claim of R. G. Bonham as Messenger for Edgefield County, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Chester Cotton Manufacturing Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. SEEGER³ presented the claim of J. W. Smith, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON introduced

A Bill to amend the law in relation to intoxicating liquors and to regulate the sale thereof in Laurens County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BARBER introduced

A Joint Resolution providing for repairing the enclosure on the Capitol grounds around the grave of Captain Swanson Lunsford, the former owner of said grounds, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State House and Grounds.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a new judicial and election County from a portion of the County of Beaufort, to be known as Hampton County," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BLUE introduced

A Bill to amend Section 1 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DAVIS introduced

A Bill to require all persons and bodies corporate offering for sale within this State any commercial fertilizer not the produce or manufacture of this State to obtain a license therefor, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CHILD introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish by law the voting precincts in the various Counties in this State," approved March 29, 1875, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. EARLE introduced

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Magnolia, in Sumter County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND presented

The petition of citizens of the County of Spartanburg in reference to the stock law, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. SUBER, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Dorroh until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. MILES, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wiggins until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. DEAL, leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Garrison and Massey until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. C. G. HENDERSON, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Minus for two days.

On motion of Mr. McGOWAN, it was ordered that when this House adjourns it be adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

The following Message was received from His Excellency, enclosing the following communication :

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, No. 7.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

COLUMBIA, December 5, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have the honor to transmit for your consideration the resignation of the Hon. A. C. Haskell as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

Very respectfully,

W. D. SIMPSON,
Governor.

SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 5, 1879.

To His Excellency W. D. SIMPSON,

Governor of the State of South Carolina :

SIR—I hereby respectfully notify you of my resignation of the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, to take effect this day.

This resignation is occasioned by my acceptance of the Presidency of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company.

I beg leave in this communication to your Excellency to express my profound appreciation of the honor conferred by the General Assembly in electing me to so distinguished a position as that from which I now retire.

Whatever doubt I may have as to my success in the discharge of the important duties which were thus entrusted to me, I am consoled by the consciousness that my unceasing effort has been to faithfully and conscientiously perform them.

In retiring from public life, I avail myself of the opportunity to express my gratitude to the people of the State, and to assure them that their flattering recognition of any services which they have been so kind as to attribute to me shall not be forgotten, and that it shall be the effort of my life, as a private citizen, to give them reason to believe that their confidence has not been misplaced.

I have the honor, sir, to be,

With great respect,

Your very obedient servant,

A. C. HASKELL.

Mr. MOODY introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Senate and House of Representatives meet, in Joint Assembly on Saturday, the 6th day of the present month, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. A. C. Haskell as one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to allow a party to cut a ditch or drain on the lands of another under certain circumstances.

Mr. BUIST gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day he would ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to fix the pay of three deputies allowed by law to be appointed by the Treasurer of Charleston County at five hundred dollars each per annum ; also,

A Bill to authorize the Comptroller General to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in order to have paid to the Railroad Commissioner that portion of the expenses of the office which the South Carolina Railroad has failed to pay for the year 1879.

Also, presented

Petition and memorial of the Vestry and Wardens of St. Peter's Church, Charleston, for amendment of charter.

And would ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

Mr. J. C. ANDERSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same," so far as relates to Spartanburg County.

Mr. BRADLEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to regulate the sale of farm products.

Mr. MINUS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to permit C. M. Westberry, of Colleton County, to change the road leading from Walterboro to George's Station, now running on the East side of his dwelling and separating it from his farm outbuildings, to the West side of his dwelling.

Mr. ALDRICH gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Aiken County to levy a special tax and to build a court house at the County seat of said County, and for other purposes.

Mr. WALKER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to authorize Claus Koeper to construct a wharf in Charleston County ; also,

A Bill to authorize the Town Council of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C., to issue coupon bonds to provide for the better drainage of said town, the residents and taxpayers thereof consenting.

Mr. HUMBERT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to enable the Commissioners of Laurens County to levy and collect a special tax to pay the deficiencies of the past fiscal year.

Mr. SCARBORO gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the assessment of real and personal property for the purposes of taxation.

Mr. GAILLARD gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to charter the town of Blythewood, in the County of Charleston.

Mr. KENNEDY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the payment of the past school indebtedness of Kershaw County.

Mr. CHASE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Trial Justice for Darlington County.

Mr. ELFE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to protect the people of this State in the sale of kerosene oil.

Mr. B. H. RICE gave notice that to-morrow or some subsequent day he would ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter and amend the road law so as to require all male persons to work upon the public highways between the ages of sixteen and fifty years, so far as relates to the County of Union.

Mr. LEAPHART gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution authorizing the School Commissioner of Lexington County to register past due school certificates in said County.

Mr. CHERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill for the further protection of religious meetings.

Mr. RUTLEDGE presented a memorial and petition of the Palmetto Guard, of Charleston.

Mr. BARBER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company of South Carolina.

Mr. BARBER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate Cedar Shoals Manufacturing Company.

Mr. BLUE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to regulate the manner of drawing and empanneling juries.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Reports of the Committee on Claims on the

Claim of Winthrop Williams; also,

Account of J. F. Hodges.

Also sent to this House

Concurrent resolution to extend the time for the collection of taxes without the fifteen per cent. penalty, and to refund the penalty paid by delinquents who have paid said penalty, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 4, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in that portion of message from your honorable body relating to the report of the special joint Committee to inquire if the Edgefield Woolen and Cotton Manufacturing Company has violated their charter in reference to the free passage of migratory fish, and continuing Committee to report to the next session of the General Assembly.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide for the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend Section of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877, and to reimburse the County Auditor of Georgetown County a certain amount paid by him for assessment of property in said County for 1879-1880.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Bill to continue in force an Act to extend the time for funding the unquestionable debt of this State, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL, the Committee of Ways and Means was discharged from the further consideration of

A petition to exempt the property of the Benedict Institute from taxation, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr DARGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

The presentment of the grand jury of Anderson County and the petition of sundry citizens of Chesterfield County against the practice of carrying concealed weapons.

The report was agreed to and the petition and presentment of the grand jury were ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. MCGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six," approved March 13, 1872, and reported the following substitute:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six," which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to prohibit carrying concealed weapons in Anderson County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ELFE, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to recharter White Hall Ferry, in Beaufort County, and to amend the same, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend Section 4 of Chapter LXVIII of the General Statutes, relating to bastardy.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. BOWMAN, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to declare public a certain road in Orangeburg County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize Mrs. C. A. Campbell to establish a wharf at her landing on the East side of the Edisto River, in Colleton County, known as the Campbell Landing.

Also, made a report on

The petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville County praying that a new road may be opened from the Barksdale Ferry road to White Hall road, in said County, and reported

A Bill to open a public road from the Barksdale Ferry road to the White Hall road, in Abbeville County, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DAVIES made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. BUIST, the Committee of Ways and Means was discharged from the further consideration of claim of J. D. Everett, and the same was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. J. A. MILLER, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to declare public certain roads in Barnwell County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend Chapter CXXIX, Section 26, of the General Statutes, in relation to entry on enclosed and unenclosed lands after notice prohibiting the same, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MULLER, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution requiring County Treasurers to pay out school funds, &c., remaining in their hands from previous years to school expenses of current years, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Medical Committee, made a favorable report on

A Bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines and other compounds the nature of which is generally unknown.

Also, on

A Bill to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax therefor.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. DONALDSON, the Committee on Education was discharged from the further consideration of

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the same person from holding the office of trustee and teach a public school at the same time, and the same was referred to the Orangeburg Delegation.

Mr. MULLER, from the Committee on Contingent Accounts, made favorable reports on the following accounts, which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow:

Account of William Green;

Account of Samuel W. Rowan;

Account of J. D. Browne, Sergeant-at-Arms;
Account of Benjamin Sutcliffe;
Account of Thomas A. Jefferson;
Account of Samuel Jenkins.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on the following claims:

Claim of Ottoman Cahvey Company;
Claim of J. M. Brown, Nathaniel Phillips and others;
Claim of Congaree Iron Works.

Also, made favorable reports in part on the

Claim of Thomas R. Bass;

Claim of Joel Allen.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill further to regulate the practice of the Trial Justice Courts in the city of Charleston;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation to County Commissioners, their powers and duties, into one Act, and to amend the same," approved April 13th, 1875, being Act No. 800;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to David H. Smith, trustee under the last will and testament of Mrs. Martha H. Pyatt, deceased, certain certificates of stock in lieu of the original, which has been lost or destroyed.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to alter and amend Section 149, Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes of the State of South Carolina, relating to the place of trial of civil actions;

A Bill to define and prescribe the punishment for housebreaking;

A Bill to repeal Section 4, Chapter CXX, of the General Statutes, relating to chattel mortgages and liens;

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the Comptroller General to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of T. L. Weston, ex-Treasurer of Chesterfield County, for taxes overpaid by him to the State for the year 1874;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Allard H. Belin, trustee substituted in the place of the trustees named in the will of Francis Withers, a certain certificate of State stock lost or destroyed;

A Joint Resolution instructing the Comptroller General to issue to Diana Henry a warrant for forty-one dollars and sixty-one cents, the same being the amount due to Samuel McJunkin, deceased, late one of the Penitentiary guard ;

A Joint Resolution to pay to the widow and daughter of the late General R. H. Anderson the balance of the salary he would have been entitled to as Phosphate Agent for one year had he survived for that length of time.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the lien of executions, and, after some time spent in the discussion thereof,

Mr. CHILD called the previous question on the whole matter, which was sustained and the main question ordered.

The question being put, "Will the House agree to the motion to strike out the enacting words of the Bill ?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 96 ; nays, 21.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Hon. J C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blakeney, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Child, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, McGowan, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—96.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Bell, Bradley, Cherry, Cummings, Davant, Earle, Hane, Harper, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Lawton, J. A. Miller, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Seegers, Shaw, Sojourner and Westberry.—21.

So the motion was agreed to and the enacting clause of the Bill was ordered to be stricken out.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to organize the office of the Coroner of Charleston County and to fix the pay and expenses thereof, which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day at 12 o'clock M.

The Bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDERS FOR 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several cities, towns and incorporated villages of the State, and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therefor; also,

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several cities, towns and incorporated villages of the State, and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therein.

On motion of Mr. KENNEDY, the Special Order was discharged and the same was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 1 o'clock P. M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

A Bill (favorable) to provide for a graded school in Union, S. C.

On motion of Mr. B. H. RICE, the Special Order was discharged and the same made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. AUSTIN, the vote whereby the unfavorable report on a Bill to fix the distances for which Constables shall hereafter be allowed to charge mileage was agreed to was reconsidered and the Bill ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to juries and jurors.

Mr. BACON moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill, and, after some time spent in the discussion thereof,

Mr. CALLISON called the previous question, which was sustained; and the question being put, "Will the House agree to the motion?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 48; nays, 59.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Bacon, Barron, Beasley, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Cannon, Carlisle, Chase, Child, J. B. Cleveland, Dargan, Dewberry, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Graham, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Keller, Kennedy, Lambson, Leaphart, Maree, Mattison, McKissick, McGowan, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Muller, Murray, Perry, E. D. Richardson, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Skipper, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker and Wilson.—48.

Those voting in the negative are :

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Blue, Bradley, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Cherry, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Davies, Davis, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Hamer, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Manigault, Massey, McNeel, J. A. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Shaw, J. Simons, Smalls, Sojourner, Watts and Wiggins.—59.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

On motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. EARLE, the vote whereby the unfavorable report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of J. M. Wilder was agreed to was reconsidered and the same ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

A Bill to amend an Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties therein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties, and to establish in their stead the office of Master, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Oconee, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Newberry, Greenville and Aiken Counties;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Greenville, Marlboro, Colleton, Georgetown, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston," approved December 24, 1878 ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in

Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Georgetown, Richland and Aiken Counties," approved December 23, 1878.

Which had been made the Special Orders of the day for this day at 2 o'clock P. M.

Pending the discussion thereon,

On motion of Mr. BRITTON, the House was adjourned at 2.45 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

Prayer by the Rev. J. Walter Dickson.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. I. M. HUTSON introduced

A Bill to provide for the hearing of motions to set aside verdicts and for new trials in the Courts of Common Pleas, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, presented

The claim of J. W. Lancaster, Sheriff of Barnwell County, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DAVANT introduced

A Bill to authorize Walter J. Brooke and other persons to construct gates across a public road, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also,

A Bill to renew the charter of Stoney Bluff Ferry, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BUIST introduced

A Bill to amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to draw his warrants on the Treasurer in order to have paid to the Railroad Commissioner that portion of the expenses of the office which the South Carolina Railroad has failed to pay for the year 1879, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to fix the pay of three deputies allowed by law to be appointed by the Treasurer of Charleston County at five hundred dollars each per annum, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Also, presented

The petition and memorial of the Vestry and Wardens of St. Peter's Church for amendment of charter, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON presented a petition of citizens of Sumter and Clarendon Counties praying the removal of gates on the public road leading to Middleton Depot, Camden branch of the South Carolina Railroad, which was referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ELFE introduced

A Bill to protect the people of this State in the sale of kerosene oil, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. RUTLEDGE presented the memorial and petition of the Palmetto Guard, of Charleston, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. WALKER introduced

A Bill to authorize Claus Koeper to construct a wharf in Charleston County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SIMONTON introduced

A Joint Resolution instructing the Treasurer to issue deficiency bonds to Mrs. M. E. Wagener, executrix of General John A. Wagener, deceased, for moneys paid by him and salary due to him as Commissioner

of Immigration, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also, presented

The claim of the Charleston News and Courier for public printing, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GAILLARD introduced

A Bill to incorporate the town of Blythewood, in the County of Fairfield, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. SKIPPER presented the petition of the County Commissioners of Horry County for extra tax levy, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also, presented

The presentment of the grand jury of Horry County in relation to expenditures, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also, asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House Claim of A. P. McCormic.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON introduced

A Bill to provide for the drainage of lands through adjacent lands and to compensate for damages to such adjacent lands, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. SCARBORO presented the petition and claim of T. Wesley Stuckey, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. McKISSICK introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer of Union County to apply the two mills school tax and poll tax collected for the fiscal year 1877 and turned over to him by his predecessor to the payment of past due school claims of said County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DARGAN introduced

A Bill to fix the time for advertising personal property before sale, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. SCARBORO introduced

A Bill to provide for the assessment of real and personal property for the purpose of taxation, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. C. ANDERSON introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties propositions to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same," so far as relates to Spartanburg County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BOWMAN introduced

A Bill to provide for the payment of the indebtedness of the school districts of the County of Orangeburg, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. BACON presented the claim of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CHERRY introduced

A Bill for the further protection of religious meetings, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. BEARD presented an extract from the presentment of the grand jury of Oconee County, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. JOHNSTONE presented the presentment of the grand jury of Newberry County,. So much as refers to the assessment of real estate was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means; also so much as refers to roads, to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also the claim of H. T. Pellis, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BLUE introduced

A Bill to regulate the manner of drawing and empanneling juries, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LEAPHART introduced

A Joint Resolution requiring and authorizing all past due school claims in Lexington County to be registered, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. KENNEDY introduced

A Joint Resolution to relieve D. L. DeSaussure, late Treasurer of Kershaw County, from certain liabilities against him for the years 1868 and 1869, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the annual levy of a tax of one mill in the County of Kershaw for the payment of the past school indebted-

ness of said County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ALLEN introduced

A Bill to alter the time of the sittings of the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas for Edgefield County, and to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9th, 1877, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SHAW presented the claim of the Edgefield Advertiser for publishing notice of general election, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON, without notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer of Horry County to reimburse Josiah Cox, School Commissioner for said County, out of the school fund of said County thirty-nine dollars, paid by said Cox for enumeration of school children in said County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BARBER introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Cedar Shoals Manufacturing Company, of Chester, South Carolina, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. SHAW presented the claim of Paris Simkins for past due school claims, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The SPEAKER presented the claim of A. S. Todd, Journal Clerk, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. CHASE introduced

A Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Trial Justice for Darlington County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DARGAN presented the petition of Josiah M. Wilder to be paid or have funded certain claims against the State, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BARBER introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company, of Chester, S. C., which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. MURRAY introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That no Bill or Joint Resolution shall be introduced in this House after Saturday, the 13th day of December, instant.

Which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL, leave of absence was granted to Mr. J. H. Rice for two days.

On motion of Mr. BUIST, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Gonzalez for three days.

On motion of Mr. ELFE, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Eckhard for three days.

On motion of Mr. CHASE, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Cannon for three days.

On motion of Mr. CLEMENTS, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Chase for one day.

On motion of Mr. MORRISON, leave of absence was granted to Mr. C. J. C. Hutson for two days.

On motion of Mr. LAMBSON, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Fulmore for three days.

On motion of Mr. SHOEMAKER, leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Bowen and Keller for two days each.

On motion of Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL, it was ordered that when this House adjourns it be adjourned to meet on Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.,

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. BEARD gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Westminster, in Oconee County.

Mr. LACHICOTTE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay to W. H. Dorrill, County Auditor, certain claims paid by him for the assessing of property within said County ; also,

A Bill to amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Treasurer of Horry County to pay to Josiah Cox, School Commissioner of Horry County, the sum of thirty-nine dollars, being the amount paid by said Josiah Cox for enumerating children, out of the school funds of said County.

Mr. DONALDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock," so as to make the same apply to certain townships in Greenville County.

Mr. J. C. ANDERSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide a stock law for a portion of Spartanburg County.

Mr. PERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to reduce the number of judicial and ministerial Trial Justices for Charleston County and provide for the salaries of Trial Justices and their Constables.

Mr. DAVANT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to establish a department in the State Lunatic Asylum for inebriates.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to require all persons and bodies corporate offering for sale within this State commercial fertilizers not the produce or manufacture of this State to obtain a license therefor.

Also, on

A Bill imposing a tax and prescribing the mode of collecting the same on the privilege of selling wine, alcohol and malt liquors within the limits of this State.

Also, on

A Bill to make County Treasurers liable to taxpayers for issuing against them executions for taxes which had been paid by them or offered to be paid by them.

Also, made a favorable report on

American extradition papers.

Which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Concurrent Resolution (Senate) to extend the time for the collection of taxes without the fifteen per cent. penalty and to refund the penalty paid by delinquents who have paid said penalty.

The report was agreed to, the resolution rejected, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also, made a report and reported

A Bill to fix the salary of the office of Adjutant and Inspector General at one thousand dollars, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report and reported

A Bill to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidated bonds or stocks, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill for the better protection of migratory fish, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made a favorable report on

A Bill to establish a Bureau of Agriculture, Statistics and Mining, in lieu of the office of Inspector of Phosphates, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to fix the salary of Trial Justices in Colleton County and to authorize them to pay fines collected by them on the fees of their Constables.

Also, on

A resolution instructing the Clerk to issue a duplicate of pay certificate No. 64 for \$145, issued in December, 1878, to John C. Haskell, member from Richland, the original of which has been lost or destroyed

Which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to vest James T. Todd with the right to open Brown Swamp, in Horry County, for the navigation of logs, timber and flats, together with petition on same subject, which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to conform the charters of corporations heretofore incorporated by special Acts to the provisions of the Constitution, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. LAMBSON, from the Committee on Legislative Library, made a report and reported

A Bill to make certain appropriations for the State Library and for repairs to the same, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. DAVIES, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Williamsburg Railroad Company," which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON made an unfavorable report on

A Bill for the protection of truck farmers of Charleston, South Carolina, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to regulate contracts between employer and employee, and to enforce penalties for the violation thereof, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSTONE, the Committee of Ways and Means was discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company for the adjustment of past due taxes and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. RUTLEDGE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution for the relief of E. E. Dickson, ex-Treasurer of Clarendon County, and the sureties on his official bond, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Charleston Delegation, made a report on

A Bill respecting the mode of funding the debt of Charleston County and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same, and reported the following as a substitute:

A Bill respecting the mode of funding the debt of Charleston County and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report and reported

A Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. DARGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to regulate the granting of divorces; and

Mr. MILES, from the minority of the same Committee, made an unfavorable report on the same.

Which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. W. B. RICE, from the Committee on Medical Affairs, to whom was referred the annual quarantine report, made a report and reported, and

Mr. W. C. CLEVELAND introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next :

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring :
That Robert Lebby, M. D., F. L. Parker, M. D., Wilmot G. DeSaussure, Andrew Simonds and Captain Post, of the United States Engineers, are hereby appointed a Commission to examine into and report at the first meeting of the next General Assembly a suitable location for the Lazaretto buildings, near the city of Charleston, as recommended in the quarantine report of Robert Lebby, M. D., Health Officer of the city of Charleston.

Mr. W. C. CLEVELAND, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of J. W. Gilreath, made a report and reported

A Joint Resolution to relieve J. W. Gilreath as lessee of the Saluda Gap turnpike road, in Greenville County, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution instructing the Committee to inquire into the necessity of the interference of the Attorney General in the case of Gibbs *vs.* Greenville and Columbia Railroad, in the matter of the Laurens Railroad, made a report and reported the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby, instructed in behalf of the State to intervene in the case of James S. Gibbs *vs.* the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company in the matter of the Laurens Railroad, now pending in the Court of Common Pleas for Richland County.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

The reports of the Committee on Claims on account of Columbia Gas Light Company; also on
Claim of G. W. Arms.

The Senate sent to this House for concurrence

Account of Columbia Gas Light Company for November, 1876; also,
Account of Columbia Gas Light Company from December 1st, 1878, to December 1st, 1879, for \$663.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also, sent to this House

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to pay the checks issued by the Clerks of the two houses in lieu of all stationery and postage for the regular session of 1879.

Also,

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Horry County to pay out certain funds in the treasury of said County.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Second Circuit.

Also,

A Bill providing for a Master each for Edgefield, Colleton and Oconee Counties, and making provision for cases in the hands of Referees.

Also,

A Bill renouncing, releasing and relinquishing a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Legislature of South Carolina under the will of John Blair.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following messages were received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 5, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has struck out the enacting clause of Bill (House) to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Clarendon County to open and establish a public road in said County.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 5, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in House amendments to Joint Resolution to require the execu-

tive officers of the State and the superintendents of public institutions to hand in their reports to the State Printer on or before the 20th day of November in each year hereafter, and ordered it to be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 5, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has laid upon the table Concurrent Resolution from your honorable body relative to cruelty to convicts.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 12 O'CLOCK M.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill (submitted by the Committee) to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands.

Also,

A Bill to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands and to provide for the sale of such forfeited lands as shall not be redeemed under the provisions of this Act.

Also,

A Bill in relation to forfeited lands.

Which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day at 12 o'clock M.

A Bill (by the Committee) to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The remaining Bills were ordered to be laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several cities, towns and incorporated villages of the State, and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therefor, was taken up, and, after some time spent in the discussion thereof,

Mr. CHILD called the previous question, which was not sustained.

Pending the discussion,

On motion of Mr. COOKE, the House was adjourned at 2.50 o'clock P. M. to meet on Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LACHICOTTE introduced

A Bill to amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also, submitted

The presentment of the grand jury of Georgetown County referring to the offices of Auditor and Treasurer, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON introduced

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to allow the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad Company to pay their indebtedness to the State for the hire of convicts with the stock of said company at par," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. CARLISLE presented the petition of citizens of Spartanburg County in reference to the stock law, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. C. ANDERSON introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and apply the same to certain sections of Spartanburg County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, presented

The petition of citizens of Spartanburg County praying the passage of the stock law, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. JOHNSTONE presented the petition of David Pellis to change the name of Fannie Chappell to Fannie Pellis and for other purposes, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LACHICOTTE introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay to William H. Dorrell, County Auditor, certain claims paid by him for the assessing of property within said County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. DAVANT presented the claim of E. A. Bronson, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BRADLEY introduced

A Bill to regulate the traffic in seed cotton, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. LAMBSON introduced

A Bill for the relief of certain tax payers of Williamsburg County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MOODY introduced

A Bill to change the name of Henry Miller, an orphan boy in Marion County, to that of Henry Hugh Thomas, and for other purposes, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also,

A Bill to repeal Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of dentistry and protect the people against empiricism in relation thereto in the State of South Carolina," approved February 23, 1875, which was read the first time and referred to the Medical Committee.

By unanimous consent of the House asked and obtained,

Mr. LAMBSON introduced, without previous notice,

A Bill relating to granting aid to the Georgetown and North Carolina Narrow Gauge Railroad, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. B. H. RICE introduced

A Bill to amend Section 17 of Chapter XLV, of the General Statutes, relative to persons liable to work on public highways and roads, so far as the same may relate to the Counties of Union and Marion, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also, presented

The petition of the County Commissioners of Union, asking the levy of a tax for County purposes, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to authorize the Governor to issue his proclamation for the call of a Convention to create a new State Constitution, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BEARD introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Westminster, in the County of Oconee," approved March 17, 1875, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. HASKELL presented the claim of the Southern Warehouse Company, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. ELKINS asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the claim of E. A. Nelson and others.

Mr. CALLISON asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of this House the report of the Commission to examine the past indebtedness of Edgefield County.

Three days' leave of absence was granted to Mr. Kennedy.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. BEATY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill requiring certain expenses of the criminal Courts to be defrayed by the State and to relieve the several Counties of the same.

Mr. EDENS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to salary Trial Justices in Marlboro County.

Mr. MILES gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for a public guardian of the estates of minors, idiots and lunatics, and to define the powers and duties of such guardian and to fix his liabilities.

Mr. McKISSICK gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to enable creditors of or any person interested in testate estates to require executors to execute bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties as such executors.

Mr. BEASLEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to regulate and fix the fee of County Treasurers for issuing tax executions, to be paid by defendants; also,

A Bill to repeal so much of the Act of 21st February, 1873, and amendatory Act, approved March 1st, 1878, as require delinquent poll tax-payers to work on the public roads.

Mr. DEWBERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to relieve E. P. Brown from keeping up a bridge across Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County, known as Brown's bridge.

Mr. BELL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to renew the charter of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company, of Aiken County.

Mr. FREDERICK gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to better protect religious worship without the incorporate limits of the towns and villages in the County of Orangeburg.

Mr. STEPHENSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the payment of the Board of School Examiners for Kershaw County for services rendered.

Mr. HASKELL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to instruct the County Auditors to enter certain property upon the tax duplicates.

Mr. TRANTHAM gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to enlarge the powers of the Board of County Commissioners for Kershaw County in reference to the Wateree free bridge and for other purposes.

The Senate sent to this House the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, was concurred in and ordered to be returned to the Senate :

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the memorial of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company praying an abatement of back taxes be referred to the joint Committee of the Judiciary of the Senate and House of Representatives for consideration, with authority to report by Bill or otherwise.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Resolution providing for redistricting the State into Congressional Districts.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 6, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in Concurrent Resolution (House) to have referred to a Committee

of three from the House and from the Senate to consider the propriety and expediency of redistricting the State into Congressional Districts, and that it has appointed Messrs. Lipscomb and Moore as the Committee on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. MCGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Seventh Circuit.

Also,

A Bill (S. B.) providing for a Master each for Edgefield, Colleton and Oconee Counties, and making provision for cases in the hands of Referees.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to relieve D. L. DeSaussure, late Treasurer of Kershaw County, from certain liabilities for the years 1868-69.

Also,

A Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Trial Justice for Darlington County.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Joint Resolution calling a Constitutional Convention.

Also, on

A Bill to protect the people of this State in the sale of kerosene oil.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. MCGOWAN, the Committee of Ways and Means were discharged from the further consideration of

Presentment of grand jury of Oconee County.

The report was agreed to and the presentment ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the number and pay of Trial Justices in Greenville County," approved December 20, 1878.

Also, on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to accelerate the proceedings in actions for partition," being Act No. 636, approved 23d December, 1878.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to recall all convicts now hired out and to establish a system of internal improvements, and to determine the manner of the same.

Also, on

A Bill for the further protection of religious meetings.

The reports were agreed to and the Bills severally ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. J. A. MILLER, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize Walker J. Brooke and other persons to construct gates across a public road, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. RUTLEDGE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend the law in relation to intoxicating liquors and regulate the sale in Laurens County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a report and reported

A Bill to repeal all Acts permitting the erecting of gates across the public road leading from the Charleston and Camden road to Middleton Depot, in Sumter County, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend the law in relation to distress warrants and to regulate the execution of the same.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Horry County to pay out certain funds in the treasury of said County.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to authorize the State Treasurer to pay the checks issued by the Clerks of the two houses in lieu of all stationery and postage of the regular session of 1879.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McGOWAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report and reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the

Eighth Circuit, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide for the drainage of lands through adjacent lands and to compensate for damages to such adjacent lands, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

Petition to exempt the property of Benedict Institute from taxation.

The report was agreed to and the petition ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made a report and reported

A Bill to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus T. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal with a view to its development upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in the Act, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on County Offices and Officers, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of the various Counties to publish certain reports before the sitting of each Court and to file said reports with the grand jury.

Also, on

Petition of the grand jury of the County of Lancaster.

The reports were agreed to and the Bill and petition were severally ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. BOWEN, from the Committee on County Offices and Officers, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Trial Justice for the County of Lexington, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to fix the time for advertising personal property before sale, and reported

A Bill to fix the time for advertising property before sale, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to change the name of Joseph R. Graham to Joseph R. Martin and to make him the lawful heir of Thomas H. Martin and Matilda Martin and reported

A Bill to change the name of Joseph P. Graham to Joseph P. Martin and to permit him to inherit from Thomas H. Martin and Matilda Martin if they or either of them die intestate, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a report on

The petition of Robert Aldrich, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend Part II, Title III, Chapter LXXXVI, Section 20, of the Revised Statutes, relating to practice.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to dower, and reported

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to dower, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report and reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Comptroller General to make abatements of taxes," approved 1874, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend an Act to incorporate the town of Marion and for other purposes therein mentioned," approved March 13, 1872, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, on

A report of the Canal Commission, and asked that it be placed on the files of the House.

The report was agreed to and the paper filed.

Mr. McNEEL, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C.," which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg," approved February 24, 1876, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SCARBORO, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HALTIWANGER, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to establish and charter the Charleston and Cainho Ferry Company, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSTONE, the Committee of Ways and Means was discharged from the further consideration of

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer of Horry County to reimburse Josiah Cox, School Commissioner for said County, out of school fund of said County, thirty nine dollars paid by said Cox for enumeration of school children in said County, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to organize the office of the Coroner of Charleston County and to fix the pay and expenses thereof;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties and to establish in their stead the office of Master."

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several cities, towns and incorporated villages of the State, and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therefor.

On motion of Mr. DARGAN, the Bill was made the Special Order of the day for Thursday next at 12 o'clock M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of

A Bill to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Oconee, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Newberry, Greenville and Aiken Counties.

The Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Education with instructions.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Greenville, Marlboro, Colleton, Georgetown, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston," approved December 24, 1878 ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Georgetown, Richland and Aiken Counties," approved December 23, 1878.

A Bill to provide for a graded school in Union, S. C., was made the Special Order for Thursday next at 1 o'clock P. M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to amend Part III, Title IV, Chapter CXXI. Section III, of the Revised Statutes.

The Bill was read the second time and the title amended by adding thereto the following words: "Relating to improvements by tenants."

On motion of Mr. COOKE, the Bill was made the Special Order for to-morrow at 1 o'clock P. M.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Bill (by Committee) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9, 1877, so far as the same relates to the time of holding of the sessions of the Circuit Courts in the Second Circuit, was made the Special Order of the day for Wednesday, December 10, at 1 o'clock P. M.

A Bill (favorable) to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections," approved March 22, 1878, was made the Special Order of the day for Saturday, December 13, at 12:30 o'clock P. M.

A Bill (favorable) to provide artificial legs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865 was made the Special Order of the day for Saturday, December 13, at 1 o'clock P. M.

A Bill to authorize and require the Trial Justices in this State to countersign warrants of arrest issued by competent authorities in other States was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to amend Section 19, Chapter CXXIX, of the General Statutes, by striking out the words "and maliciously" in the first line of said Section and in other particulars was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors, and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto."

Also,

A Bill to amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes.

Also,

A Bill to repeal the 21st Section of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the several societies and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the 13th day of December, 1817.

Also,

Resolution as to legal services for County Commissioners.

Were severally ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to repeal all Acts and parts of Acts which apply the whole or any part of the poll tax to the payment of past due school claims was taken up for consideration.

Mr. AUSTIN moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 66; nays, 25.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Brodie, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Child, Clarkson, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Davis, Donaldson, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Graham, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Lachicotte, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, McGowan, Miles, T. E. Miller, Moody, Murray, W. B. Rice, Rodgers, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Trantham, Watts and Wilson.—66.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. J. C. Anderson, Barron, Bradley, Brown, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Dargan, Dewberry, Earle, Frederick, J. J. Hemphill, R. R.

Hemphill, Johnstone, Kennedy, Morrison, Muller, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Scarboro, B. Simmons, Skipper, Walker and Westberry.—25.

So the enacting words were ordered to be stricken out.

A Bill for the relief of the Counties of Spartanburg, Greenville, Union, Pickens, York, Chester, Lancaster and Chesterfield, which have subscribed bonds in aid of certain railroads, was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill (from the Senate) to amend an Act to incorporate the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad Company was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Joint Resolution to empower the Comptroller General to issue a warrant in payment of the claim of Josiah Doar & Co., of Georgetown, for advertising sale of forfeited lands in 1876, was read the third time, passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Bill to relieve the Counties of the State from the expense of maintaining prisoners convicted of certain offenses during their imprisonment in the County jail was taken up for consideration.

Mr. WALKER moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill and called the previous question, which was sustained; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 67; nays, 24.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Bacon, Barber, Barron, Beard, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Brodie, Carlisle, Cassidy, Child, Clarkson, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Dargan, Davant, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Graham, Haue, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Lambson, Manigault, McNeel, McKissick, Miles, T. E. Miller, Moody, Muller, Perry, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simon-ton, Skipper, Sojourner, Trantham, Walker, Watts and Westberry.—67.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Allen, Austin, Beaty, Bradley, Callison, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Donaldson, Earle, Eason, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, Mattison, McGowan, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Murray, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, Shaw, Smalls and Wilson.—24.

So the enacting words of the Bill were ordered to be stricken out.

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto," approved March 19, 1874, so far as the same relates to Charleston County, was read the second time, the title amend-

ed by adding after the word "Charleston" the words "Edgefield and Barnwell," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill (favorable, with amendment,) to reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work on the public roads in Anderson County was read the second time, the title thereof amended by adding after the word "Anderson" the words "Edgefield, Spartanburg, Greenville and Barnwell," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill (favorable) to fix the time for legislative enactments to take effect ;

A Bill (favorable) to remedy and supply the loss of public records, and to perpetuate testimony in regard to deeds, mortgages, settlements and other papers lost by fire at Abbeville, February 27, 1873 ;

A Bill (by Committee) to amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXVIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestates' estates ;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize the County Commissioners of Colleton County to levy an additional tax of one-half mill, to be used exclusively in building bridges in said County, &c.;

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Southern Coast and River Navigation Company ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act to amend Chapter XLV, Title II, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairing of highways ;

A Bill (favorable) to authorize Alfred M. Martin to build a wharf on Martin's Landing, on Savannah River, in Hampton County ;

A Bill (favorable) to recharter a ferry across Catawba River, between the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, to be known as Brown's Ferry, and to vest the same in William McD. Brown and Francis W. Cureton ;

On motion of Mr. ELFE, the House was adjourned at 3 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

Prayer by the Rev. H. O. Judd.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

A Bill to provide more expeditiously for the payment of the outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Oconee, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Newberry, Georgetown and Aiken Counties was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The Senate sent to this House the following Bills:

Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and renew the charter of the town of Darlington;"

Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Gilbert Hollow, in the County of Lexington," being Act No. 640, approved December 23, 1878.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved December 20, 1878.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the cost and fees of Clerks of Courts and Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices, herein mentioned."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

Bill to determine and fix the compensation of the physician to attend in the jail in Charleston County.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Medical Committee.

The Senate sent to this House the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with concurrence:

Whereas it is important that the vacancy in the Supreme Court occasioned by the resignation of Associate Justice Haskell should be filled as early as practicable; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the two houses meet in Joint Assembly at 1 o'clock on Thursday, the 11th day of December, 1879, to elect an Associate Justice to fill the vacancy in the Supreme Court occasioned by the resignation of Associate Justice A. C. Haskell.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Concurrent Resolution instructing the Attorney General to intervene in behalf of the State in the case of Gibbs against Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company.

The Senate sent to this House the claim of C. E. Leaphart, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 8, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has indefinitely postponed a Bill (House) to provide for the revision, digest and arrangement of the statute laws of the State of South Carolina.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,
Mr. ALDRICH introduced

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Aiken County to levy and collect a special tax to build a court house and remove the jail at the County seat of said County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,
Mr. GARRISON introduced

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the town of Rock Hill, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. TRANTHAM introduced

A Bill to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Kershaw County to dispose of Walnut Tree Bridge and for other purposes therein mentioned, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That our Senators in the Congress of the United States be instructed, and that our Representatives be requested, to favor all proper steps looking to the appropriation of the revenue derived from the sale of the public lands of the general government to the purposes of general or public education and to be appropriated according to the illiteracy in the several States, and looking also to the establishment of a Bureau of National Education, to whom this important interest may be entrusted.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MILES introduced

A Bill to provide for a public guardian of the estates of minors, idiots and lunatics, and to define the powers and duties of such guardian, and to fix his liabilities, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. STEPHENSON introduced

A Bill to provide for the payment of the Board of School Examiners for Kershaw County for services rendered in the investigation of the past school indebtedness of said County and for other purposes, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. HASKELL introduced

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Comptroller General to instruct the County Auditors to enter upon the tax duplicates for the present year such property, both real and personal, upon which the taxes have been tendered in bills of the Bank of the State, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DEWBERRY introduced

A Bill to relieve E. P. Brown from keeping up the bridge known as Brown's bridge, over Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. W. B. RICE introduced

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to levy certain taxes and to use certain funds in the County treasury for Advisory Court's expenses, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. SHAW presented the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield County for a special tax to build a bridge in said County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. AUSTIN introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Whereas it appears that there are considerable amounts due the State in taxes and penalties by the various phosphate companies now doing business in this State; and whereas it is just and equitable to the taxpayers of the State that the taxes due by said corporations should be forthwith collected and paid into the State Treasury; therefore,

Resolved, That the matter be at once referred to the Judiciary Committee, that they may take and advise such steps, by Bill or otherwise, that may be necessary to enforce the same; and, further, that the said Committee report to this House whether or not by failure of the said companies to make their returns and pay taxes as required by law such companies have not forfeited all rights granted and privileges permitted them by their said charter.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BEASLEY introduced

A Bill to regulate and fix the fee of County Treasurers for issuing tax executions to be paid only by deputies, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to repeal so much of the Act of 21st February, 1873, and amendatory Act approved March 1, 1878, as require delinquent poll taxpayers to work on the public roads, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. EDENS introduced

A Bill to salary Trial Justices in Marlboro County and to authorize them to pay fines collected by them on fees of their Constables, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to convey certain interests of the State in a part of the canal on Catawba River, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DONALDSON introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens from trespass by stock," and to extend the same to Greenville County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BACON introduced

A Bill to reimburse the County of Richland for expenses incurred in the trials of persons indicted and prosecuted for crimes committed while such persons were officers of this State, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GARRISON presented the claim of Julius Brown, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. SKIPPER presented the claim of R. G. Sessions, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BELL introduced

A Bill to amend the charter of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GARRISON introduced

A Joint Resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution respecting the dimensions of Counties, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MORRISON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act to create a new judicial and election district from a portion of Beaufort County, to be known as Hampton County, so far as the same provides for the transfer of all suits and the settlement of all estates, from the Probate Court of Beaufort County to the Probate Court of Hampton County, where the defendants, executors, administrators or guardians reside in the County of Hampton.

Mr. DARGAN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to allow the citizens of Middleton township, in Sumter County, the benefits of the present fence law.

Mr. ELFE gave notice that to-morrow or some subsequent day he would ask leave introduce

A Bill to provide for the compulsory attendance of all children within the city and County of Charleston between the ages of 6 and 16 years for twenty-four months, as provided in the Constitution, Section 4, Article X, and for other purposes.

Mr. BELL gave notice that to-morrow or some subsequent day he would ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution for the relief of William Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court for the County of Aiken, S. C.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. CHILDS, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Charleston.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the town of Hampton C. H.

Also, on

A Bill in relation to the Church Home, incorporated by Act of the General Assembly, passed on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1852, and to confirm the acts of the Council of the same.

Also, on

A Bill to regulate the election of Intendant and Wardens of the town of Walterboro, S. C.

Also, on

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the city of Greenville.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the Greenville Merchants' and Mechanics' Cotton Exchange.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on County Offices and Officers, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize and require the Governor to appoint an additional Trial Justice for Fairfield County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BOWEN, from the Committee on County Offices and Officers, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act, No. 413, approved March 12, 1878, entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and compensation of Trial Justices and Constables for the County of Barnwell," which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CARLISLE, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer of Horry County to reimburse Josiah Cox, School Commissioner of said County, out of the school fund of said County, thirty-nine dollars paid by said Cox for enumeration of school children in said County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to enable W. D. Mayfield, H. T. Wilson and Charles W. Meynardie to apply for admission to the bar, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. A. F. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution requiring and authorizing all past due school claims in Lexington County to be registered, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SUBER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend Part III, Title V, Chapter CXXII, Section 393, of the Revised Statutes, relating to proceedings against joint debtors, heirs, devisees, legatees and tenants holding under a judgment debtor, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer of Union County to apply the two mills school tax and poll tax collected for the fiscal year 1877, and turned over to him by his predecessor, to the payment of past due school claims of said County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on Education, made a report on memorial of the Trustees of the University of South Carolina, and reported

A Bill to provide for the investment and use of the Agricultural College fund, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. RUTLEDGE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report and reported

A Bill further to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act supplementary to Chapter XV, Title IV, Part I, of the General Statutes of South Carolina,'" approved March 22, 1878, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MANIGAULT, from the Committee on Commerce, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize Claus Koeper to build a wharf in Charleston County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands.

Which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill to establish and charter Higgins and Banta's Ferry, at Star Bluff, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County;

A Bill to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter;

A Bill to repeal an Act to establish and charter Stanley's Ferry, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to remit tax penalty to E. D. Gilmore;

A Bill to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of the Counties of York and Chester to transfer certain shares of stock of the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad Company to the Boards of School Trustees of their respective Counties;

A Bill to incorporate the Georgetown Telegraph Company;

A Bill to incorporate the Merchants' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association;

A Bill to incorporate the Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charleston;

A Bill to incorporate the House of Rest Charity;

A Bill to amend Section 250, Chapter IV, Title VII, Part II, of the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of attachment;

A Bill to authorize the formation of an independent battalion on James Island, John's Island, Wadmalaw Island and Edisto Island, to form a part of the Volunteer Troops of South Carolina.

A Bill (Senate Bill) (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the better organization of the First Brigade of South Carolina Volunteer Troops" was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to require a special license for dogs was recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

A Bill to prevent the paying and receiving of compensation for weighing cotton in bales except by public weighers.

Mr. MULLER demanded the previous question, which was sustained; and, the main question being put, the enacting words were stricken out.

A Bill to establish a department of agriculture, mining, manufacture and immigration was made the Special Order of the day for Thursday, December 11th, at 12.30 o'clock.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort" was made the Special Order of the day for Thursday, December 11th, at 2 o'clock.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort" was made the Special Order of the day for Thursday, December 11th, at 2 o'clock.

A Bill to regulate the agencies of insurance companies or associations not incorporated in this State, and to better protect the holders of insurance policies therein, was made the Special Order of the day for Friday, December 12th, at 12 o'clock.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

A Bill (report favorable, with amendments,) to amend Part III, Title IV, Chapter CXXI, Section 111, of the Revised Statutes was recommended to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to preserve the peace and prevent homicides was taken up for consideration.

Mr. WALKER moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill and called the previous question, which was sustained; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 46; nays, 48.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Barber, Beasley, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Brodie, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Childs, Clarkson, Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Davant, Earle, Eason, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Graham, Haldiwaner, Hane, Harper, Haskell, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Manigault, McKissick, Morrison, Perry, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shaw, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker and Westberry.—46.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Beaty, Blakeney, Cherry, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Cummings, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Garrison, Hamer, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, William Henderson,

Humbert, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, B. Simmons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—48.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill was read the second time.

Mr. ALDRICH moved to lay the Bill on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 49; nays, 48.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Barber, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Brodie, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Childs, Clarkson, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Davant, Davies, Earle, Eason, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Manigault, McKissick, Morrison, Perry, J. H. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham and Walker.—49.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Beaty, Blakeney, Cherry, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Cummings, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Garrison, Hamer, Hane, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, J. Simons, Skipper, Smalls, Suber, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—48.

So the motion was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to prohibit the running of freight trains and to regulate the running of passenger trains on Sunday was taken up for consideration, and, after some time spent in the discussion thereof,

Mr. CHILDS moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

Mr. COOKE called the previous question, which was sustained; and, the question being put, "Will the House agree to the motion?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 29; nays, 66.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Childs, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Davies, Elfe, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Haltiwanger, Haskell, Lambson, Manigault, Perry, Rutledge, Shaw, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Stephenson, Suber, Westberry and Wiggins.—29.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blakeney, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Brown, Carlisle, Chase, Clarkson, Clements, Cummings, Dargan, Davant, Deal, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Edens, Elkins, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, Hane, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Trantham and Wilson.—66.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to prevent persons from carrying concealed weapons without justifiable excuse for the same.

Mr. EARLE moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

Mr. WALKER called the previous question, which was sustained ; and the question being put, " Will the House agree to the motion ? " it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 49 ; nays, 46.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Barber, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Brodie, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Childs, Clarkson, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Earle, Eason, Frederick, Gaillard, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hane, Harper, Haskell, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Manigault, McKissick, Moody, Morrison, Perry, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker and Westberry.—49.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, Cummings, Davant, Deal, W. M. Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Hamer, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—46.

So the enacting words were ordered to be stricken out.

A Bill to declare the law in relation to liens upon real estate was re-committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Cheraw and Chester Railroad Company," approved February 27, 1873, was read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

A Bill to amend Part III, Title IV, Chapter CXXI, Section 111, of the Revised Statutes was, with amendment proposed by Mr. Cooke, recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to amend Part I, Title I, Chapter XXV, of the Revised Statutes was read the second time, the title thereof amended by adding thereto the words "relating to the disposition of the books of a Trial Justice's office that has become vacant," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. JOHNSTONE moved to adjourn; and the question being put, "Will the House agree to the motion?" it was decided in the negative. Yeas, 27; nays, 70.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, D. W. Anderson, Blakeney, Blue, Brodie, Cassidy, Clarkson, Dargan, Earle, Elfe, Elkins, Frederick, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Johnstone, Manigault, Massey, McNeel, T. E. Miller, J. P. Richardson, Scarboro, Shaw, B. Simmons, Smalls, Trantham, Watts and Westberry.—27.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Bowen, Brice, Callison, Carlisle, Cherry, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Edens, Ficken, Gaillard, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Maree, Mattison, McKissick, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Walker, Wiggins and Wilson.—70.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the House recessed from business at 3 o'clock P. M. to meet at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill renouncing, releasing and relinquishing a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Legislature of South Carolina under the will of John Blair, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to remedy and supply the loss of public records and to perpetuate testimony in regard to deeds, mortgages, settlements and other papers lost by fire at Abbeville," approved February 27, 1873 ;

A Bill to fix the time for legislative enactments to take effect ;

A Bill to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXVIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestate estates ;

A Bill to authorize Alfred M. Martin to build a wharf at Martin's Landing on Savannah River, in Hampton County.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act to amend Chapter XLV, Title II, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repair of highways and bridges ;

A Bill to recharter a ferry across Catawba River, between the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, to be known as Brown's Ferry, and to vest the same in William McD. Brown and Frank W. Cureton ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Georgetown, Charleston, Richland and Aiken Counties," approved December 23, 1878 ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Greenville, Marlboro, Colleton, Georgetown, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston," approved December 24, 1878.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on

A Bill to provide for the assessment of real and personal property for the purpose of taxation, and reported

A Joint Resolution to provide for the assessment of real and personal property for the purpose of taxation, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following Acts as duly and correctly enrolled and ready for ratification :

An Act to charter the Inter-State Normal College at Greenville, South Carolina ;

An Act to further amend the charter of the town of Moultrieville, Sullivan's Island ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the issuing of checks to laborers upon plantations or elsewhere ;"

An Act to repeal the twenty-first Section of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the several societies and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1817 ;

An Act to authorize Sheriffs to appoint special deputies without the approval of a Circuit Judge ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to further reduce the number and regulate the pay of officers, attachees, clerks and laborers of the General Assembly, and to provide the manner of electing, appointing and paying the same," approved June 9th, 1877, so far as relates to the pay of doorkeepers ;

An Act to enforce the use of a uniform series of text books in the free public schools of this State ;

An Act to extend a road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County ;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to charter the village of Lisbon."

The House resumed the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's and Morris Islands respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved December 20, 1878 ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend Section 4, Chapter CIV, of the General Statutes, in relation to the time within which Justices of the Supreme Court shall qualify ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend Part X, Title I, Chapter CXXVIII, Section 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to obstructing railroads ;

A Bill (unfavorable) to require the County Treasurers of the respective Counties within this State to attend at certain places for the collection of taxes ;

A Bill (unfavorable) to exempt from taxation certain lots of land, being in the incorporate limits in the town of Walhalla, in the County of Oconee;

A Bill (favorable, with amendment,) to authorize the County Commissioners of Pickens County to apply all the back taxes due the County by the Air Line Railroad Company to past indebtedness of the said County and for other purposes;

A Bill (favorable) to amend Section 3 of Chapter II, Title II, Part II, of Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part II, of the General Statutes, being the Code of Procedure in relation to the time of commencing actions for the recovery of real property.

A Bill (favorable) to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the Code of Procedure," being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, approved the 8th day of March, 1875.

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto," approved March 19, 1874, so far as the same relates to Charleston County, was read the second time, the title amended by striking out the word "Révised" and inserting the word "General," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill (favorable) to establish uniformity in actions brought for the partition of real estate was made the Special Order of the day for Friday next at 12 o'clock.

A Joint Resolution (favorable) requiring the Comptroller General to draw his warrant in favor of the executor of the late J. S. G. Richardson for the payment of the balance of the salary of the latter as State Reporter was read the second time, the title amended by striking out all after the word "of" and inserting in lieu thereof "the amount accruing to his account as State Reporter from the time of his death to the day of the qualification of his successor," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Joint Resolution (unfavorable) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relative to the homestead exemption; also,

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina; also,

A Joint Resolution proposing amendments to Section 32 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relative to the homestead; also, substitute by Committee.

Were ordered to be laid on the table.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article II, Section 32, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to homestead exemption, was made the Special Order of the day for Friday next at 12:30 o'clock.

A Bill (by Committee) to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act," &c., was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

A Bill (unfavorable) to prohibit the confinement in the State Penitentiary of persons not sentenced to such confinement by a competent Court.

The enacting words of the Bill were struck out.

A Bill to further alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, in so much as the same relates to the service of summons; also, substitute by Committee.

The Bill was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to further alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, so far as the same relates to the service of summons, was read the second time.

Mr. DARGAN moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill, and, pending the motion, the House was adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

Mr. ALDRICH introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the two houses meet in Joint Assembly immediately after the vote for Associate Justice on Thursday, the 11th instant, and proceed to vote for a Chief Justice to fill the vacancy to be caused by the expiration of the term of office now filled by Chief Justice Willard.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after the 11th instant the call under Rule 60 for Counties in alphabetical order shall be dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BARBER introduced

A Bill to abolish the office of County Auditor, and for other purposes, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ALLEN introduced

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Edgefield County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. JOHNSTONE introduced

A Bill to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter LV, Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BELL introduced

A Joint Resolution for the relief of William Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court for the County of Aiken, S. C., which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, presented

The petition of citizens of Aiken County in behalf of Wm. Green, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BLUE presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Marion and vicinity praying the passage of a law to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within the corporate limits of said town, and within one and a half miles of any church, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ELKINS presented the claim of Asher Palmer against the State, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. SEEGERs presented the claim of Meighan, Ezell and Southern, late Directors of the South Carolina Penitentiary, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. HUMBERT presented the claim of T. B. Crews for publishing the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. FREDERICK introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the better protection of religious worship," so far as the same relates to the County of Orangeburg, which was read the first time and referred to the Orangeburg Delegation.

Mr. SIMONTON presented extracts from the presentment of the grand jury and orders of Court thereon respecting the office of Register of Mesne Conveyance of Charleston County and the condition of the books of record therein, which was referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ELFE introduced

A Bill to provide for the compulsory attendance of all children in the city and County of Charleston between the ages of six and sixteen years at school for twenty-four months, as provided in the Constitution, Section 4, Article X, and for other purposes, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize suits on certain claims against Chester County.

Mr. DAVIES gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to appoint Commissioners to take charge of the Downer Fund, in Aiken County.

Mr. MULLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to renew the charter of the Saluda Manufacturing Company ; also,

A Bill to incorporate the town of Peak Station, in Lexington County.

Mr. McKISSICK gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to afford relief to insolvent debtors.

Mr. COOKE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to fix the pay of Constables, except in cases where a salary is provided for by law, for services rendered by them in State cases.

Mr. FICKEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the funding of certain past due interest on the valid consolidated debt of the State.

Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Clarendon County to levy and collect a special tax of two mills on the dollar for the payment of the past due indebtedness of said County.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill and Joint Resolution as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work on the public roads in Anderson, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Greenville and Barnwell Counties ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Colleton County to levy an additional tax of one mill for building bridges of twenty feet span and over said size.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER called for reports of standing Committees.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSTONE, the Committee on Incorporations was discharged from the further consideration of

Petition of citizens of Lexington County praying an Act of incorporation for the village of Peak Station, which was referred to the Lexington Delegation.

Mr. CHILDS, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Magnolia, in Sumter County."

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the Chester Cotton Manufacturing Company.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the Mount Dearborn Manufacturing Company.

Also, on

A Bill to renew the charter of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the Cedar Shoals Manufacturing Company, of Chester, S. C.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company, of Chester, S. C.

Also, on

A Bill to revive and renew the charter of the Marion Academy Society.

Also, on

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the town of Rock Hill.

Also, on

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Edgefield.

Also, on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Westminster, in the County of Oconee," approved March 17, 1875.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to incorporate the Williston Baptist Church, in Barnwell County, and reported

A Bill to incorporate the Williston Baptist Church, in Barnwell County, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to convey certain interests of the State in a part of the canal on Catawba River, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A resolution of the Committee on Privileges and Elections requiring the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire and report respecting the office of Chief Justice, and the right and duty of this General Assembly to fill a vacancy therein; also, Mr. COOKE made a minority report on the same subject.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow and to be printed.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

Claim of W. C. Fisher;

Claim of R. G. Bonham;

Claim of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad;

Claim of R. S. Todd;

Claim of the Edgefield Advertiser.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

Claim of Paris Simkins;

Claim of Southern Warehouse Company.

The reports were agreed to and the claims severally rejected.

Mr. McGOWAN, from the special Committee of the 'Abbeville Delegation, made a report on the matter of the estate of Dr. John De La Howe, which was considered immediately and agreed to.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Resolution to go into an election for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on Thursday immediately after the election of Associate Justice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A Bill to further alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, so far as the same relates to the service of summons.

The enacting words were ordered to be stricken out.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill (favorable) to authorize William Howell and his wife, Hannah Harriet Howell, to adopt and make their lawful heir Mary Caroline Howell;

A Bill (favorable) to limit the plaintiff in actions for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands;

A Bill (favorable) to require railroads to furnish consignees an itemized statement of freight charges, and requiring them to settle according to the bill of lading;

A Bill (favorable) to change the name of the Belton, Williamston and Easley Railroad Company and to amend the charter thereof;

A Bill (favorable) to alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia in reference to the poor of said city;

A Bill (favorable) the better to protect those who make advances for agricultural purposes;

A Joint Resolution (by Committee) to provide for the repairing and improvement of the Executive mansion and grounds;

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to amend the charter of the Union Bank of South Carolina;

A Joint Resolution authorizing the State Reporter to prepare an index to Volume XVI of the Statutes of this State;

A Joint Resolution to complete the correction of the books of the Comptroller General and the State Treasurer directed by the last General Assembly;

A Bill (favorable) to continue in force an Act to extend the time for funding the unquestionable debt of this State;

A Bill (favorable) to provide for the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County;

A Bill (favorable) to declare public a certain road in Orangeburg County;

A Bill (favorable) to authorize Mrs. C. A. Campbell to establish a wharf at her landing on the East side of the Edisto River, in Colleton County, known as the Campbell Landing;

A Bill (by Committee) to open a public road from the Barksdale Ferry road to the White Hall road, in Abbeville County.

A Bill (favorable) to enable Henry S. Elliott, of Beaufort County, to apply for admission to the bar was read the second time, title amended by striking out "Henry S. Elliott, of Beaufort County," and inserting in lieu thereof "citizens of this State," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill respecting the mode of funding the debt of Charleston County and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill respecting the mode of funding the debt of Charleston County and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Summer Terms of the Seventh Circuit.

The enacting words were stricken out.

Mr. WALKER asked to have the following spread upon the Journal :

"I moved to strike out the enacting clause of a Bill respecting the mode of funding the debt of Charleston County and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same because the Bill does not fix the amount of the bonds to be issued and provides for an equally indefinite amount of judgments to be rendered in the future."

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 12 O'CLOCK M.

A Bill to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus T. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in the Act.

Pending the discussion thereon, the House took a recess until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

RECESS.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,
Mr. BACON introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also, introduced the following resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow:

Whereas the Act of the General Assembly of this State approved the 22d day of August, A. D. 1868, entitled "An Act to regulate the manner of keeping and disbursing funds by certain officers," provides that the accounts of the Treasurer of the State shall be annually closed on the 30th day of October, and shall be examined during the months of November and December in each year by a joint Committee consisting of one member of the Senate and two of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by a Concurrent Resolution of the two houses of the General Assembly at the session previous to said time of examination in each year; and whereas the Hon. S. L. Leaphart, State Treasurer, has caused to be presented in the said House of Representatives a communication stating that no examination of the accounts of his office has been made; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, That a joint Committee consisting of one member of the Senate and two of the House of Representatives be appointed to examine the accounts of the State Treasurer for the past four years.

That the said Joint Committee shall commence such examination on the first day of April next (1880) and continue the same until a full and thorough examination shall have been made by them of the said accounts, and for every day in which the said Committee is engaged in the examination thereof they shall receive each of them the same compensation as shall be determined upon as the per diem of the members of the General Assembly of this State at the present session.

That the said Committee shall make a full report of such examination to the next session of the General Assembly of this State.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,
Mr. DAVIS introduced

A Bill to make George Orme Cox, Charlotte Cox, Henry Horace Cox, Ellen Cox and Alonzo Cox the legal and lawful heirs of George B. Cox, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DARGAN introduced

A Joint Resolution to allow the citizens of Middleton township, in Sumter County, the benefits of the fence law, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DARGAN introduced

A Bill to provide for the registration of electors of this State, in pursuance of the requirements of the Constitution, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend Section 19, Chapter CXXIX, of the General Statutes, by striking out the words "and maliciously" in the first line of the said Section and in other particulars.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to legitimize Julia McGee, Elias P. McGee and Robert McGee, and to permit them to inherit from Elias McGee should he die intestate, and for the relief of the said Elias McGee.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to morrow.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to authorize the Governor to issue his proclamation for the call of a Convention to create a new State Constitution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to reimburse the County of Richland for expenses incurred in the trials of persons indicted and prosecuted for crimes convicted while such persons were officers of this State, which was ordered for consideration to morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Charleston Delegation, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to fix the pay of three deputies allowed by law to be appointed by the Treasurer of Charleston County at \$500 each per year.

Also, on

A Bill to provide for the compulsory attendance of children at school in Charleston County.

The reports were agreed to, and the Bills severally ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution for the relief of William Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court for the County of Aiken, South Carolina.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution respecting the dimensions of Counties.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. JOHN J. HEMPHILL, from the Judiciary Committee, made a favorable report on

A Bill to declare the law in relation to liens upon real estate, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a report and reported

A Bill to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from payment of certain taxes, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the annual levy of a tax of one mill in the County of Kershaw for the payment of the past school indebtedness of said County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, for the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence law and to provide for effectuating the same," so far as relates to Spartanburg.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to grant aid to the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock," and to extend the same to Greenville County.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a report (report from the Senate) on claim of Columbia Gas Light Company, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 10, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully invites your honorable body to attend in the

Senate to-morrow, immediately after the election of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to assist in the ratification of sundry Acts and Joint Resolutions.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

A message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accepting the invitation.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

Bill (House) to enable G. D. Haltiwanger to apply for admission to the bar.

The amendments were concurred in, the title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Pee Dee Agricultural and Mechanical Association," approved February 27, 1873, was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A Bill to incorporate the House of Rest Charity was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of this State.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

A Joint Resolution to provide for the payment of the claims of certain County Auditors in this State for services rendered after the expiration of their terms of office was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Senate sent to this House the following Concurrent Resolution:

Resolved, That a Bill to amend Chapter XIX of General Statutes be referred to the Judiciary Committee of the two houses.

Which was concurred in and ordered to be returned to the Senate accordingly.

The Senate sent to this House

Claim of the United States for the extradition for Peter Froman, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the better organization of the Fourth Brigade, South Carolina Volunteer Troops," was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to Senate, with amendments.

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act to incorporate the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad Company was read the third time, passed, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

A Bill to incorporate the House of Rest Charity was recommitted to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to amend Section 74, Title VIII, Chapter CXXII, Part III, of the General Statutes, relating to claim and delivery of personal property ;

A Bill to amend Section 250, Chapter IV, Title VII, Part II, of the Code of Procedure, being Title I, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of attachments ;

A Bill to prohibit the running of freight trains and to regulate the running of passenger and mail trains on Sunday ;

A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled 'A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed,' " approved December 14, 1878, and also a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed," approved March 22, 1878 ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to remit tax penalties to C. D. Gilmore.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of the Counties of York and Chester to transfer certain shares of stock of the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad Company to the Boards of School Trustees of their respective Counties ;

A Bill to authorize the formation of an independent battalion on James Island, John's Island, Wadmalaw Island and Edisto Island, to form a part of the Volunteer Troops of South Carolina ;

A Bill to amend Part I, Title I, Chapter XXV, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the disposition of the books of a Trial Justice's office that has become vacant.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The House resumed the consideration of

A Bill to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and

disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus T. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in the Act.

The Bill was read the second time.

After some time spent in discussion thereon,

Mr. SIMONTON called the previous question, which was sustained and the main question ordered, and the question being put, "Shall the Bill be ordered for a third reading?" the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 92; nays, 16.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Bacon, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Chase, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gailard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Lachicotte, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Massey, Mattison, McKissick, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Trantham, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—92.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. J. C. Anderson, Austin, Bowen, Carlisle, Cherry, Childs, W. C. Cleveland, Davant, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, R. R. Hemphill, McNeel, E. D. Richardson, Shoemaker and Stephenson.—16.

So the Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House resumed the consideration of

A Bill (favorable) to amend Chapter CXXIX, Section 26, of the General Statutes, in relation to entry on enclosed and unenclosed lands after notice prohibiting the same.

The enacting words of the Bill were ordered to be stricken out.

A Bill (by Committee) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9, 1877, so far as the same relates to the time of holding of the sessions of the Circuit Courts in the Second Circuit, was laid on the table.

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Second Circuit, was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill (by Committee) to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, was made the Special Order of the day for Thursday, December 11, at 2 o'clock, and from day to day until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSTONE, the vote whereby the enacting words of a Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Summer Term of the Seventh Circuit, were stricken out was reconsidered, and the Bill was ordered to be restored to its place on the Calendar.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill, a Joint Resolution, requiring County Treasurers to pay out school funds remaining in their hands from previous years to school expenses of current years;

A Bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines and other compounds the nature of which is generally unknown.

The enacting words of a Bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines and other compounds the composition and mode of preparation of which is generally unknown were ordered to be stricken out.

On motion, the House was adjourned at 9.30 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 A. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

Prayer by Rev. William Martin.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. DAVIES introduced

A Bill to appoint Commissioners to take charge of the Downer fund in Aiken County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. FICKEN introduced

A Bill to provide for the funding of certain past due interest on the valid consolidated debt of the State, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MORRISON introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Beaufort County to pay the claims of J. S. Langley, County Auditor of said County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Clarendon County to levy and collect a special tax of two mills on the dollar for the payment of the past due indebtedness of said County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. MILES asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce

A Bill to grant certain powers to the Bishop and Standing Committees of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. PERRY introduced

A Bill to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Mr. MASSEY gave notice that he would to-morrow introduce the following resolution :

Resolved, That after Saturday, the 13th instant, no member shall speak more than twice nor longer than ten minutes on any one subject.

Mr. JOHNSTONE introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire and report such regulations as are necessary to secure a just

valuation for taxation of the proceeds of mines and mining claims in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. DARGAN, it was ordered that when this House adjourn it be adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, it was ordered that the roll of Counties be dispensed with after this day.

Mr. BUIST presented the petition of H. D. Lesesne praying the General Assembly to direct the State Treasurer to reissue to him a new certificate of State stock in lieu of one lost or destroyed, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. CHILDS introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Whereas at the last session of the General Assembly an appropriation of eleven thousand dollars was made for the purpose of opening the Columbia Canal and six thousand dollars was appropriated for the purpose of constructing a dam, &c.; and whereas a Bill passed this House on the 10th day of December, 1879, giving to certain parties therein named the Columbia Canal; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary to inquire into and report to this House whether or not the said eleven thousand dollars and the said six thousand dollars has been drawn from the State Treasury, and, if drawn, whether the same has been expended or not; and if not drawn, or if drawn, by whom, and not expended, in whose hands are said funds at this time, and what legislation is necessary to dispose of said funds?

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL introduced

A Bill to authorize actions on certain claims against the County of Chester, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HUMBERT presented a petition from sundry citizens of Laurens County praying additional legislation to prevent the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. McKISSICK introduced

A Bill to afford relief to insolvent debtors, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MULLER introduced

A Bill to incorporate the village of Peak's Station, in Lexington County, which was read the first time, and, together with petition on same subject, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. COOKE introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the two houses recede from the Concurrent Resolution passed December 10th, 1879, whereby it was agreed that the two houses meet in Joint Assembly immediately after the vote for Associate Justice, on Thursday, the 11th instant, and proceed to vote for a Chief Justice to fill the vacancy to be caused by the expiration of the term of office now filled by Chief Justice Willard.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MULLER introduced

A Bill to amend Section 89 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts providing for the assessment and taxation of property into one Act and to amend the same," approved March 19, 1874, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. ELKINS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide a stenographer for the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. FICKEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following :

A Bill to amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the service of notice of appeal in Courts of Trial Justice; also,

A Bill to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law he is authorized and required to fund in consolidation bonds or stocks; also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Alexander Robertson a certain certificate of State stock the original of which has been lost or destroyed.

Mr. BOWMAN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to abandon the new bridge across the North Edisto River, on a public road leading from Branchville to Easterling's mill, in Orangeburg County, together with petitions and counter petitions.

Mr. PERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and salary of Trial Justices in the city of Charleston."

Mr. GRAHAM gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare public a certain road in said County.

Mr. WALKER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to fix the standard weight of a bushel measure in respect to certain fruits, vegetables and roots.

Mr. J. H. RICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to appoint a Fish Commissioner and define his duties," approved December 23, 1878.

Mr. MULLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts providing for the assessment and taxation of property into one Act and to amend the same."

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide for the hearing of motions to set aside verdicts and for new trials in the Courts of Common Pleas, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DARGAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend Part III, Title IV, Chapter CXXI, Section 3, of the Revised Statutes.

Also, on

A Bill to change the name of Henry Miller, an orphan boy in Marion County, to that of Henry Huger Thomas and for other purposes.

Also, on

A Bill requiring a license from the State for the privilege of selling spirituous liquors.

Also, on

A Bill to make George Orme Cox, Charleston Cox, Henry Cox, Horace Cox, Ellen Cox, Eugene Bonaparte Cox and Alonzo Cox the legal and lawful heirs of George B. Cox.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a new judicial and election County from a portion of the County of Beaufort, to be known as Hampton County," which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to repeal so much of the Act of 21st February, 1873, and amendatory Act approved March 1, 1878, as require delinquent poll tax-payers to work on the public roads.

Also, on

A Bill to amend Chapter XCII, Section I, Title II, Part II, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Liability of Heirs."

Also, on

Petition of David Pellis to change the name of Fannie Chappell to Fannie Pellis and for other purposes.

The reports were agreed to and the Bills and petition severally ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the claims of H. T. Tellers and reported

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the State Treasurer to pay to H. T. Tellers thirty-three 90-100 dollars on the Comptroller General's warrant for the same, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Comptroller General to instruct the County Auditors to enter upon the tax duplicate for the present year such property, both real and personal, upon which the taxes have been tendered in bills of the Bank of the State.

Also, on

Petition of J. Westly Stucky that a certain claim against the State may be allowed and funded.

The reports were agreed to, and the Bill and petition were ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, made a report on

The petitions of R. J. Southall and Luther Holly for payment of rewards offered by Governor Hampton.

The report was considered immediately and agreed to.

Mr. CHILDS, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to incorporate the Cambrian Raw Bone Phosphate Company of Columbia, S. C.

Also, on

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville."

Also, on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg."

Also, on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and renew the charter of the town of Darlington."

Also, on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Gilbert Hollow, in the County of Lexington," being Act No. 640, approved 23d December, 1875.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Medical Committee, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide and fix the compensation of the physician to attend the jail in Charleston County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to provide and fix the compensation of the physician to attend on the jail in Charleston County.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock," and apply the same to certain portions of Spartanburg County.

Also, on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Pee Dee Agricultural and Mechanical Association," approved February 27, 1873.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to regulate the traffic in seed cotton, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, on

The presentment of the grand jury of Union in reference to the traffic in seed cotton.

The report was agreed to and the presentment ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. HAMER, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend Section 17, Chapter XLV, of the General Statutes, relative to persons liable to work on public highways and roads, so far

as the same relates to the Counties of Union and Marion, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DEWBERRY, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to release E. P. Brown from keeping up the bridge on Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to renew the charter of Stoney Bluff Ferry, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill to require a special license for dogs, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DAVIES, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill relating to granting aid to the Georgetown and North Carolina Narrow Gauge Railroad, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to alter the time of the sitting of the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas for Edgefield County, and to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9, 1877.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

Memorial of citizens of Abbeville County, praying enactment of a prohibitory liquor law.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SUBER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to regulate and fix the time for the holding of the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to regulate the manner of drawing and empanelling juries, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill for the relief of the Counties of Spartanburg, Greenville, Union, Pickens, York, Chester, Lancaster and Chesterfield, which have subscribed bonds in aid of certain railroads, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to require Masters in Equity, Sheriffs and Clerks of Courts of this State to divide real estate sold by them into tracts of convenient size, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay to W. H. Dorrill, County Auditor, certain claims paid by him for the assessing of property within said County.

Also, on

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to levy a certain tax and to use certain funds in the County treasury for ordinary County purposes.

Also, on

A Bill for the relief of certain taxpayers of Williamsburg County.

Also, on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same."

Also, on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to provide for the payment of certain County Auditors in this State for services rendered after the expiration of their terms of office.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to provide for the surrender of certain bonds and certificates of stock and coupons and interest orders herein mentioned, and for the issue of other bonds and certificates of stock in lieu thereof;

Also, on

A Bill to provide extra compensation to the several Auditors of the several Counties in South Carolina for extra services performed by them or their employees in making assessments of real estate in 1878.

The reports were agreed to and the Bills severally ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Charleston Delegation, made a report on

A Bill to authorize the opening of a canal across Charleston Neck, in the city of Charleston, and reported

A Bill to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to incorporate the Georgetown Telegraph Company, of South Carolina ;

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Pickens County to apply all back taxes due the County from the Air Line Railroad Company to the past indebtedness of the said County, and for other purposes ;

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to establish and charter Stanley's Ferry over Waccamaw River, in Horry County ;"

A Bill to incorporate the Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

A Bill to establish and charter Higgins and Banta's Ferry at Star Bluff, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to incorporate the Merchants' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

A Bill to amend Section 4, Chapter CIV, of the General Statutes, in relation to the time within which Justices of the Supreme Court shall qualify ;

A Bill to exempt from taxation certain lots of land being in the corporate limits of the town of Walhalla, in the County of Oconee ;

A Bill to require the County Treasurers of the respective Counties within this State to attend at certain places for the collection of taxes ;

A Joint Resolution requiring the Comptroller General to draw his warrant in favor of the executor of the late J. S. G. Richardson for the payment of the amount accruing to his account as State Reporter from the time of his death to the day of the qualification of his successor.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following as properly enrolled and ready for ratification :

An Act to enable M. C. Hammond to apply for admission to the bar ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to punish persons for the removal or secreting of personal property levied upon by the Sheriff or other officers, being Act No. 404, approved November 19, 1873 ;"

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Timmons ville ;"

An Act to prohibit the sale of spirits or liquor in the town of Greer, in Greenville County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof ;

An Act to provide for the establishment of a new township and school district in Chester County and to authorize the levy and collection of a local tax therein.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill (favorable) to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield, and to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax therein ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six ;"

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize the payment of one thousand dollars to Mrs. Isabella Werner and children.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six," approved March 13, 1872, was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts, so far as the same relates to the Summer Terms of the Seventh Circuit," was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill to prohibit carrying concealed weapons in Anderson County.

The Bill was read the second time.

Mr. DARGAN moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 42 ; nays, 66.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Bacon, Barber, Barron, Beasley, Bell, Blakeney, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Brodie, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Childs, Clowney, Dargan, Eason, Frederick, Gaillard, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lambson, Leaphart, Miles, Müller, Perry, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Jr., Simonton, Trantham, Westberry and Wiggins.—42.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Blue, Britton, Brown, Carlisle, Chase, Cherry, Clements, Cleveland, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorrob, Earle, Edens, Elkins, Ficken, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Hamer, Hane, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lachicotte, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, J. S. Miller, T. B. Miller, Minus,

Moody, Morrison, Murray, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Seegers, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Walker, Watts and Wilson.—66.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

After some time spent in discussion thereof, the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

A Concurrent Resolution providing for the election of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (unfavorable) to fix the distances for which Constables shall hereafter be allowed to charge mileage was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

A Bill (unfavorable) to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad was made the Special Order of the day for Monday next at 12 o'clock M.

A Bill for the better protection of migratory fish was made the Special Order of the day for Monday next at 1 o'clock P. M.

A Bill (by Committee) to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds and stocks was made the Special Order of the day for Tuesday next at 12 o'clock M.

A Bill (unfavorable) to make County Treasurers liable to taxpayers for issuing against them executions for taxes which have been paid by them or offered to be paid by them was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. DARGAN, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Privileges and Elections on Resolution to inquire and report what offices, if any, to be filled by election of the General Assembly are or will become vacant was taken up out of its order and made the Special Order for this day at 45 minutes past 11 o'clock A. M.

The report was read, as follows :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the duty of inquiring into, and reporting upon, the tenure of the office of Chief Justice, and of the right and duty of this General Assembly to elect to the same, respectfully ask leave to make the following report :

The questions are : 1st. Does the term of office of the Hon. A. J. Willard, the present Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, expire on the thirty-first day of July, 1880, or does his term continue until the fifteenth day of May, 1883? And, 2nd. Is it the right and duty of this General Assembly to elect a Chief Justice? The latter question obviously depends, in a great degree, upon the answer to the first question.

"The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices, two of whom shall constitute a quorum. They shall be elected by a joint vote of the General Assembly, for the term of six years, and

shall continue in office until their successors shall be elected and qualify. They shall be so classified that one of the Justices shall go out of office every two years."—Sec. 2, Art. IV, Constitution of South Carolina.

"The Chief Justice elected under this Constitution shall continue in office for six years, and the General Assembly, immediately after the said election, shall determine which of the two Associate Justices elect shall serve for the term of two years, and which for the term of four years; and having so determined the same, it shall be the duty of the Governor to commission them accordingly."—Sec. 3, Art. IV, Constitution of South Carolina.

"All vacancies in the Supreme Court, or other inferior tribunal, shall be filled by election as herein prescribed: *Provided*, That if the unexpired term does not exceed one year, such vacancy may be filled by Executive appointment * * *."—Sec. 11, Art. IV, Constitution of South Carolina.

In pursuance of the terms of the Constitution, the General Assembly, at its first session after the adoption of the Constitution, to wit, in 1868, elected a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. At that election the late F. J. Moses, Sr., was elected to the office of Chief Justice, and the Hon. A. J. Willard one of the Associate Justices. The General Assembly determined that the Hon. A. J. Willard should hold his office for the term of four years. On the 31st of July, 1868, the Hon. F. J. Moses, Sr., was commissioned as Chief Justice for the term of six years, and the Hon. A. J. Willard was commissioned as Associate Justice for the term of four years. In 1872, the term of the Hon. A. J. Willard having expired, he was re-elected to the same office, and commissioned for six years. In 1874, the term of the Hon. F. J. Moses, Sr., having expired, he was re-elected to the same office, and on the 31st July, 1874, commissioned for the term of six years. In 1877 the Hon. F. J. Moses, Sr., died, having served less than three years of the term, which expired in 1880. The unexpired term of the deceased Chief Justice being more than one year, it was necessary, under the terms of 11th Section of Article II of the Constitution, to fill the vacancy by an election. On May 15th, 1877, and soon after the death of Chief Justice Moses, the Hon. A. J. Willard was elected by the General Assembly, under a Concurrent Resolution, "to fill the vacancy created by the death of the Hon. F. J. Moses, Sr." The election of Hon. A. J. Willard to the office of Chief Justice created a vacancy in the office of Associate Justice, which had been filled by Mr. Justice Willard for a little more than four years, and to fill this vacancy the General Assembly elected the Hon. Henry McIver for the unexpired term. The term thus partly filled by Hon. Henry McIver expired in 1878, and at the session in 1877 the General Assembly elected Hon. Henry McIver as his own successor.

From the latter instance, as well as from the additional fact that Hon. J. J. Wright, also an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, resigned his office in 1877, four years before the expiration of his term, and the Hon. A. C. Haskell being elected and commissioned to fill the vacancy so occasioned, we have the construction placed by the General Assembly and the Governor upon the Constitution. This construction was, that there could be, and in the instance cited actually was, an unexpired term in the office of both Chief Justice and Associate Justice, and that the person elected to fill the unexpired term was in office only for so long a period as the person first elected would have been entitled to hold the office. The construction placed upon the law by the executive and legislative departments of the government, as a cotemporaneous construction of the language of the Constitution by two of the co-ordinate departments of the State, is deserving of deference and consideration. This cotemporaneous construction, however valuable, cannot conclude the question. We are yet to inquire what is the legal intendment of the Sections of the Constitution which have been quoted. If from the terms of a Constitution a plan or intent can be ascertained, then it is to be construed so as to advance the end of the proposed plan, and in such manner that every Section, clause and word may prevail.

"The Constitution consists chiefly of a recognition of certain general principles deduced from experience and established because intrinsically wise and practically beneficial. And it will not be questioned that, in order to be either wise or beneficial, these principles must be uniform. It is ever to be borne in mind, too, that in the construction of the Constitution we are to regard the main object and policy of the framers of that instrument with a resolution that never flags."—*State vs. Hutson*, pp. 242-3, 1 McCord's Law.

What was the end the framers of the Constitution had in view? The formation of a Supreme Court, composed of three Judges, one of whom should go out of office every two years. "They shall be so classified that one of the Justices shall go out of office every two years" is the language of the Constitution. The Constitution means what it says, and in plain language it says that one of the Justices shall go out of office "every two years." The end in view is that the Supreme Court shall be composed of three Justices, of mature years and experience, and to guard against sudden changes two of these at all times, so far as human foresight can see and human agencies regulate, are to be well trained in their labors. When they receive the third Justice he must have for two years at least the benefit of their example and experience. The only way in which this end can be accomplished is by construing the Constitution to mean that every two years a term of one of the Justices shall expire. [Is it to be presumed that the

framers of the Constitution did not consider that Justices might die during their term or resign, etc.? The law makes no such presumption.] The contingency of death or of resignation must have been contemplated by those who framed the Constitution. If immediately after they were elected and commissioned in 1868 all three of the Justices had died, will it be supposed that the scheme by which the Justices could be elected so as to go out of office in 1870, 1872 and 1874, as the Constitution directed, would have failed? If so, then the Constitution would have been defeated. If we construe the office of Justice to be fixed as to time of duration, beginning at a time certain and ending at a time certain, and that the tenure of the incumbent is fixed by the term, and not the term by the election of the incumbent, then the end proposed by the Constitution is attained. In no other manner can that end be attained.

Again, the Constitution speaks of an "unexpired term" and "vacancies." These expressions mean the same thing. A term may be vacant, or an office may be vacant. In the former instance you fill the vacancy, the unexpired term; in the latter, the office. In the former the incumbent is secondary and depends upon the term; in the latter, the office depends upon the incumbent. When the Constitution fixes the duration of a term of office and at the same time provides for its being filled at a fixed time, occurring periodically, it necessarily follows that, a casual vacancy occurring during such term of office, necessity must arise for filling it for the unexpired term; and although the mode of filling such vacancy is prescribed by the Constitution, yet the incumbent only holds until the time arrives for filling the office in the regular mode and at the regular time prescribed by the Constitution. In that case the officer taking a term of office less than that prescribed for the office is placed in that position by the effect of the Constitution itself, reached by treating one class of provision as necessarily a limitation of the other." *Whipper vs. Reed*, 10 Rich. S. C. Rep. p. 8-9.

Again, in the case just quoted from, the Court says that there are offices of such a nature that persons elected to fill a casual vacancy cannot claim a full term attached to the office, but can hold only for the unexpired term. "Such a limitation is inferable, as affecting the Justices of the Supreme Court, from the provisions requiring that one of these Justices shall be elected every two years, but none is found affecting the Circuit Judges. This omission is evidently not accidental, but intentional. In the case of the Supreme Court, that body being composed of three Justices, there was reason for placing regular intervals of two years between the election of the respective Judges so that no sudden change should be made in the organization of the Court—an important safeguard against irregularity in the administration of the law." It is true that in this case the question before the Court was as to

the duration of the term of a Circuit Judge, and the term of a Justice of the Supreme Court not in issue; but in defining the duration of the one the difference in the law creating the other was considered, and upon that difference the Court, with great confidence, based its decision.

This Committee might go on to cite other portions of the Constitution of this State, as well as that of the United States—for example, the terms of office of Senators—but deem it unnecessary to do so.

For the above reasons, this Committee is of the opinion that the office of Chief Justice will become vacant in July next, when the term of the present incumbent will expire.

The second question referred to us, Has the General Assembly the right to fill such vacancy? It has been the uniform practice in this State for the General Assembly to elect a person to fill such vacancies at its session immediately preceding the time when such vacancy will occur. The Constitution warrants such practice, for, if any other practice is adopted, then the Justices will hold their offices for a period longer than they are elected and commissioned for. Wherefore, this Committee begs leave to report that it is the right and duty of this General Assembly to elect a Chief Justice during its present session, as a vacancy occurs in said office before the time fixed by law for the sitting of the next General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES ALDRICH, for Committee.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections relating to the tenure of the office of Chief Justice, and of the right and duty of this General Assembly to elect the same, beg leave to submit the following minority report:

I have given the questions therein contained such consideration as the gravity of the subject matter submitted demands. Ordinarily, upon matters referred to the Committee, I might with propriety waive my individual judgment and quietly assent to that of the majority. But in this instance the Committee is called upon to express its judicial judgment on vexed constitutional questions—in the discharge of which duty I greatly regret I have been unable to get my consent to go upon record as endorsing the report of the majority of the Committee that a vacancy will exist in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court during the term of the present General Assembly.

The present Chief Justice was elected to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Chief Justice before the expiration of his term. That term, if it still exists, will expire during the Summer of 1880 and prior to the meeting of the next General Assembly. But I am fully satisfied that, under the provisions of the Constitution, the present Chief

Justice holds his office for the period of six years from the date of his election, and that such term will not expire previous to the next session of the General Assembly. The grounds of this conclusion are the language of the Constitution and the decisions of the Supreme Court in several cases expounding such language.

The only authority under which the General Assembly elected the present incumbent of the office of Chief Justice is that of the Constitution itself. No law existed for filling a vacancy in the office for an unexpired term, and without such a law an election could not take place with proper legal effect. The Constitution declares that the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices "shall be elected by a joint vote of the General Assembly for the term of six years." The language of the Constitution that provides for the election of Circuit Judges is similar to that just referred to, and has received judicial interpretation by the Supreme Court in the case of *Whipper vs. Reed*, (9 S. C. Rep., 5). It was there held that an election of a Circuit Judge could not be had by the General Assembly with any other effect than that of conferring upon the person receiving such election the full constitutional term conferred by the Constitution on Circuit Judges, namely, for four years.

The powers of the Legislature to fill vacancies in such cases as those of State officers, who, under the Constitution, take their offices at a time fixed by the Constitution itself, (Article III, Section 2,) are recognized; but the right of the Legislature to provide for filling a vacancy for an unexpired term was denied where the office was of such a nature that, on taking a constitutional term, could immediately enter upon his office. It cannot be disputed that it is competent for any Justice of the Supreme Court, receiving election from the General Assembly, to enter at once upon the duties of his office, there being no constitutional inhibition in their case as in that of the State officers, and, therefore, there being nothing to prevent the filling of such offices by the means provided by the Constitution. And there is no ground to infer in behalf of the General Assembly power for filling such offices in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution.

I do not find any language in the Constitution that either authorizes the Legislature to provide by law for filling any vacancies in the office of the Justices of the Supreme Court for an unexpired term, or that creates any necessity for the exercise of such power. On the contrary, there is express direction that in case of a "vacancy, it shall be filled by election as herein prescribed," (Article IV, Section 2.) As the only election prescribed is one for the full constitutional term, such vacancies must be filled in the manner as was decided in *Whipper vs. Reed*. When the vacancy is for less than a year, power of filling it is conferred upon the Executive.

It is further submitted that the practice of the Legislature heretofore, in providing by an election of Justices of the Supreme Court in advance of the vacancy to occur after such election, is without constitutional authority. Such authority only exists where the office is vacant (Article IV, Section 11,) by reason of the expiration of the constitutional term thereof. The term of the office of Circuit Judges being limited to four years, it is competent for the Legislature to provide in advance for a vacancy to occur prior to its next session, as great public inconvenience would arise upon the office becoming vacant. But conceding that the term of the office of the present Chief Justice will expire on the 31st day of July, 1880, the necessity does not, nor can it, exist for the present General Assembly to elect his successor, as it will be seen, by reference to Article IV, Section 2, of the Constitution, that he holds over and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. Therefore, there being no vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, it is not the duty of the present General Assembly to elect the successor of the present incumbent.

The only argument that appears to be advanced in support of a conclusion different from that just stated has arisen from a misapprehension of certain provisions of the Constitution that were called for by the fact that at the first election of the Associate Justices it was necessary that one of them should be elected for the term of four years and the other for the term of two years, in order to prevent the three incumbents of the Justiceship from going out of office at the same time, which would manifestly lead to great inconvenience. The scheme of the Constitution was that both of the Associate Justices should be elected for an indefinite term, and then that the General Assembly should classify them by assigning one of them to the two years' term and the other to the four years' term. The Constitution itself assumed to direct the manner in which this classification should be made; and when it was determined which of the two Associate Justices so elected should hold for four years and which for two years, such classification was complete. There is not a word in the Constitution that sanctions any other means for causing a Justice to go out of office every two years than such as directs the classification of the offices of the Justices elected at the first election. The Constitution has not attempted to place the system of biennial expiration of the terms of the Justices on such a footing that it could not be disturbed by unforeseen contingencies. It is clear that nothing that could with propriety be called classification could accomplish such a result. The only means of attaining it would be either to provide for electing an incumbent to fill the balance of an unexpired term or allow the Legislature so to do. But it has done neither. It has regulated the power to fill vacancies in an exhaustive manner that compels the Legislature to resort to the general provisions for authority to

fill such vacancies, and these general provisions require an election for the full constitutional term.

Much stress is laid upon the *obiter dictum* of the present Chief Justice in delivering the opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of *Whipper vs. Reed*, which when examined closely in the light of constitutional provisions affecting the tenure of his office, it must be plain to any mind that the same, at best, could only be denominated "inferable," and entitled to little or no consideration. Certainly no more flattering compliment could possibly be paid the Chief Justice than for the Legislature to arrive at a different conclusion.

I am compelled, by the strength of the foregoing consideration, to conclude that no vacancy in the office of the Chief Justice can be filled by the present General Assembly. But, should the view be maintained that such election must occur at intervals of two years, then it would be for the seventh General Assembly under the present Constitution to fill the office of the Chief Justice for the third time since the ratification of the Constitution, and that would be the General Assembly chosen to hold from the year eighteen hundred and eighty until the next General Assembly shall be chosen in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMPSON H. COOKE,
For minority of Committee.

Mr. SIMONTON moved that the majority report be agreed to, and called the previous question on the motion. The question being put, "Will the House agree to the motion?" it passed in the affirmative.

So the motion was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Assembly at 1 o'clock P. M. in the hall of the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that the Joint Assembly had convened for the purpose of electing one Associate Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. A. C. Haskell.

The Concurrent Resolution under which the Joint Assembly convened was read, and the PRESIDENT announced that nominations were now in order.

Mr. MANIGAULT nominated Hon. Samuel McGowan, of Abbeville County.

Mr. I. M. HUTSON seconded the nomination.

Mr. MEETZE nominated Hon. W. H. Wallace, of Union County.

Mr. DARGAN seconded the nomination.

The Clerk called the roll of the Senate.

The following Senators voted for Hon. W. H. Wallace:

Hon. T. B. Jeter, President *pro tem.*, and Messrs. Benbow, I. Bird, Bradley, Cannon, Coker, Collins, Duncan, Fishburne, Gary, Howard, Meetze, Moore, Siegling, Taft, Walker, Williams, Witherspoon and Wylie.—19.

The following Senators voted for Hon. Samuel McGowan:

Messrs. Bossard, Butler, S. D. M. Byrd, Counts, Crayton, Crittenden, Lipscomb, Livingston, Maxwell, McCall, Patterson and Todd.—12.

The Clerk called the roll of the House of Representatives.

The following members voted for Hon. W. H. Wallace:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Beaty, Blue, Bowman, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Davis, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Ficken, Frederick, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Johnstone, Keller, Lambson, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, McNeel, McKisick, Miles, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Muller, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Smalls, Westberry and Wiggins.—54.

The following members voted for Hon. Samuel McGowan:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Barron, Beard, Beasley, Bell, Blake-ney, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Carlisle, Chase, Cherry, Childs, Clarkson, Cooke, Davant, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Elkins, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gonzalez, Graham, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Manigault, Mattison, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Murray, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Seegers, J. Simons, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephen-son, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts and Wilson.—65.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number of votes given by Senators.....	31
Total number of votes given by members of the House of Repre- sentatives.....	119
Grand total.....	150
Necessary to a choice.....	76
Hon. Samuel McGowan received.....	77
Hon. W. H. Wallace received.....	73

Whereupon the PRESIDENT *pro tem.* announced that Hon. Samuel McGowan, having received seventy-seven votes, which is a majority, was

duly elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of South Carolina.

The Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of a Chief Justice to fill the vacancy to be caused by the expiration of the term of office now filled by Chief Justice Willard.

The Concurrent Resolution under which the Joint Assembly convened was read.

The PRESIDENT of the Senate announced that nominations were in order.

Mr. McQUEEN nominated Hon. Henry McIver.

Mr. RUTLEDGE seconded the nomination.

The Clerk called the roll of the Senate.

The following Senators voted for Hon. Henry McIver :

Hon. T. B. Jeter, President *pro tem.*, and Messrs. Benbow, Bossard, Bradley, Butler, S. D. M. Byrd, Cannon, Coker, Collins, Counts, Crayton, Crittenden, Duncan, Fishburne, Gary, Howard, Lipscomb, Livingston, Maxwell, McQueen, Meetze, Moore, Patterson, Siegling, Taft, Todd, Walker, Williams, Witherspoon and Wylie.—29.

The Clerk called the roll of the House of Representatives.

The following members of the House voted for Hon. Henry McIver :

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Barron, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Blakeney, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Childs, Clarkson, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Dargan, Davant, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dawberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—115.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number of votes given by Senators.....	29
Total number of votes given by members of the House of Representatives.	115
Grand total.....	144

Hon. Henry McIver received one hundred and forty-four votes.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT announced that Hon. Henry McIver was unanimously elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of South Carolina for the term of six years beginning on the first day of August next.

The House of Representatives attended in the Senate Chamber, when the following Acts were duly ratified :

THE RATIFICATION OF ACTS.

The Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives attended in the Senate Chamber and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified in the presence of both Houses in Joint Assembly :

An Act to prevent and punish the intermarrying of races ;

An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Association of the State of South Carolina ;

An Act to require the executive officers of the State and the superintendents of public institutions to hand in their reports to the State Printer on or before the 20th day of November in each year hereafter ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Ch. Richardson Miles, administrator of the estate of Ralph S. Izard, deceased, certain certificates of stock and certain bonds of the State in lieu of others which have been destroyed ;

An Act to further amend the charter of the town of Moultrieville, Sullivan's Island.

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to charter the village of Lisbon ;"

An Act to authorize Sheriffs to appoint special deputies without the approval of a Circuit Judge ;

An Act to extend a road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County ;

An Act to enforce the use of a uniform series of text books in the free public schools of this State ;

An Act to charter the Inter-State Normal College, at Greenville, South Carolina ;

An Act to prohibit the sale of spirits or liquor in the town of Greer, in Greenville County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Timmons ville ;"

An Act to amend Title IV, Chapter CXXI, Section 18, of the Revised Statutes, regulating damages in case of eviction ;

An Act to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Lexington County to open and keep in repair a public road in said County from Spring Hill to Summit;

An Act to incorporate the town of Cross Anchor, in Spartanburg County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the issuing of checks to laborers upon plantations or elsewhere;"

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to further reduce the number and regulate the pay of officers, attachees, clerks and laborers of the General Assembly, and to provide the manner of electing, appointing and paying the same," approved June 9th, 1877, so far as relates to the pay of doorkeepers;

An Act to repeal the twenty-first Section of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the several societies and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the thirteenth day of December, Anno Domini 1817;

An Act to enable M. C. Hammond to apply for admission to the bar.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to punish persons for the removal or secreting personal property levied upon by the Sheriff or other officers, being Act No. 404," approved November 19th, 1873;

An Act to provide for the establishment of a new township and school district in Chester County and to authorize the levy and collection of a local tax therein.

All the Acts and Joint Resolutions ready for ratification having been duly ratified in the presence of both houses in Joint Assembly,

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* of the Senate announced the Joint Assembly dissolved, and the honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives retired.

The House of Representatives returned to their hall.

On motion of Mr. MULLER, the House recessed from business at 2:30 o'clock P. M. to meet at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 7:30 O'CLOCK P. M., ALL CLAIMS ON THE CALENDAR.

The following claims were agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Claim (favorable) of John Kennerly;

Claim (favorable) of Noah Huffman;

Claim (favorable) of A. Palmer;

Claim (favorable) of Jesse E. Dent;

Claim (favorable) of W. H. McNair;
Claim (favorable) of John C. Pike;
Claim (favorable) of W. J. DeTreville;
Claim (favorable) of E. J. Cain;
Claims (favorable) of A. L. Holly;
Petition (favorable) of D. R. Durisoe, Jesse Jones and others;
Claim (favorable) of Thomas R. Bass;
Claim (favorable) of Joel Allen;
Claim (favorable) of Ottoman Calvey Company;
Claim (favorable) of Congaree Iron Works;
Claims (favorable) of J. M. Brown, Nathaniel Philips and others;
Claim of J. M. Wilder was recommitted to the Committee on Claims;
Claim (favorable) of American extradition;
Claim (favorable) of the Edgfield Advertiser;
Claim (favorable) of the C., C. and Augusta Railroad;
Claim (favorable) of R. G. Bonham;
Claim (favorable) of W. C. Fisher;
Claim (favorable) of R. S. Todd.

The reports on the following accounts were agreed to :

Claim (favorable) of Wm. Green;
Claim (favorable) of Thomas A. Jefferson;
Claim (favorable) of Benjamin Sutliff;
Claim (favorable) of Samuel W. Rowan;
Claim (favorable) of J. D. Brown;
Claim (favorable) of Samuel Jenkins.

The following claims were concurred in and ordered to be returned to the Senate with concurrence:

Claim (favorable) of W. R. Cathcart;
Claim (favorable) of M. D. Harman.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Charleston Delegation, made a report on
A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Charleston County to appoint Commissioners of the Poor and to define their powers and duties.

Also, on

A Bill to amend Section 15, Chapter XXIX, Title VIII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to paupers;

And reported

A Bill to amend Section 15, Chapter XXIX, Title VIII, of the General Statutes, relating to physicians of the poor, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MINUS introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize L. M. Westberry, of Colleton, to change the road leading from Walterboro to George's Station around the settlement, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. STEPHENSON presented

Claim of Camden Journal and claims of Kershaw Gazette, which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. WALKER introduced

A Bill to fix the standard weight of a bushel in respect to certain grains, fruits and vegetables, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 P. M.

A Bill to provide for a graded school in Union, S. C., was discharged and made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at the same hour.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 12.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

A Bill to establish a Department of Agriculture, Mining, Manufacture and Immigration was discharged, and the same made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at the same hour.

A Bill to pension the maimed South Carolina Confederate soldiers of the late war between the States.

Mr. DEWBERRY moved to indefinitely postpone the Bill ; and the question being put, " Will the House agree thereto ? " the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 29 ; nays, 62.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Brodie, Carlisle, Childs, Dargan, Deal, Dewberry, Dorroh, Frederick, Gaillard, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, Keller, Manigault, Murray, J. H. Rice, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Skipper, Westberry and Wilson.—29.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, Austin, Beaty, Blakeney, Blue, Brice, Britton, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Cherry, Clarkson, Clements, Clowney, Cooke, Davis, Donaldson, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Ficken, Fulmore, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lawton, Leaphart, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, Miles, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Muller, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson,

Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker, Watts and Wiggins.—62.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON moved to amend the Bill on the ninth line by inserting after the word "disability" the words "widows of those who were killed or died in the late war."

Mr. EARLE moved to lay the amendment on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 34; nays, 57.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Austin, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowman, Brodie, Clowney, Dargan, Deal, Donaldson, Earle, Eason, Edens, Elfe, Ficken, Fulmore, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Hane, W. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Manigault, Massey, McNeel, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Moody, Redfearn, J. P. Richardson, Shoemaker, B. Simmons and Simonton.—34.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Britton, Buist, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Childs, Clarkson, Clements, Cooke, Davant, W. M. Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eckhard, Elkins, Frederick, Gaillard, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Hender, son, Humbert, Johnstone, Leaphart, McKissick, Minus, Muller, Murray, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, J. Simons, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—57.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill was recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several cities, towns and incorporated villages of the State and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therein was discharged and made the Special Order of the day for Tuesday next at 12 o'clock M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 2 O'CLOCK P. M. AND FROM DAY TO DAY UNTIL DISPOSED OF.

A Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, was taken up for a second reading.

Mr. MURRAY moved to amend the Bill on line 8 by striking out after the words "Private Secretary, fifteen hundred," and insert "twelve hundred and seventy-five;" and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 42; nays, 52.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Bowen, Bowman, Brodie, Callison, Carlisle, Cherry, Clowney, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, Keller, McNeel, McKissick, J. S. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, Shoemaker, Skipper, Sojourner, Trantham and Wilson.—42.

Those voting in the negative are :

Hnn. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Beasley, Blue, Brice, Britton, Buist, Cannon, Cassidy, Clarkson, Clements, Cooke, Dargan, Davant, Earle, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Hane, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Leaphart, Manigault, Miles, T. E. Miller, Minus, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—52.

So the House refused to agree to the amendment.

Mr. BARBER moved to amend the Bill on the eighteenth line, Section 1, by striking out the words "fifteen hundred" and inserting "twelve hundred."

Mr. MURRAY moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "eighteen" and "nineteen" and "dollars" on the twentieth line" and inserting "for clerical services in the office of Comptroller General, twenty-five hundred and fifty dollars."

Mr. COOKE moved to lay the amendment and the amendment to the amendment on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 75; nays, 22.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, Cooke, Dargan, Davant, Dewberry, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Eden, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, McKissick, Miles, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—75.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, Austin, Barber, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Cherry, Clowney, Deal, Davis, Donaldson, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Keller, McNeel, J. S. Miller, Murray, Rodgers, Shoemaker, Trantham and Wilson.—22.

So the House agreed to the motion.

Pending the discussion,

On motion of Mr. SOJOURNER, the House was adjourned at 10 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Mack, D. D.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. KENNEDY presented the accounts of the office of Adjutant and Inspector General, which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BOWMAN introduced

A Bill to abandon the new bridge across the North Edisto River on the public road leading from Branchville to Easterling's mill, in Orangeburg County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. PERRY introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and salaries of Trial Justices in the city of Charleston," approved February 6, 1874, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. FICKEN introduced

A Bill to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds and stocks, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Alexander Robertson a certain certificate of State stock, the original of which has been lost or destroyed, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. J. H. RICE introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to appoint a Fish Commission to increase the propagation of fish," approved December 23, 1878, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GRAHAM introduced

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON introduced

A Bill to regulate the order in which claims against the Counties of the State shall be paid, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ELKINS introduced

A Bill to provide a stenographer for the Fifth Circuit, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BOWEN presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Belton, Anderson County, praying the passage of a law to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of said town, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BACON presented the memorial of citizens of Columbia in regard to the Columbia Canal, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. REDFEARN presented the petition of Cheraw Independent Order of Good Templars, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SEEGERs presented the claim of C. O. Brown & Bro.

Also,

Claims of E. R. Stokes.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. AUSTIN presented the claim of the Butler Guard, of Greenville County, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. COOKE introduced

A Bill to alter and amend Section 10 of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Court, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers herein mentioned," approved March 22, 1878, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. C. G. HENDERSON, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Cummings for three days.

On motion of Mr. B. H. RICE, leave of absence was granted to Mr. McKissick for two days.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MULLER introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize John Taylor to erect and maintain two gates across the public road leading from Columbia to Charleston, on the West side of the Congaree River, in Lexington County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. FICKEN introduced

A Bill to amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the service of appeal in Courts of Trial Justice, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. T. E. MILLER submitted the presentment of the grand jury of Beaufort County, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. MASSEY, pursuant to notice, introduced the following resolution, which was ordered to be laid on the table :

Resolved, That after Saturday, the 13th instant, no member shall speak more than twice, nor longer than ten minutes on any one subject, without the consent of the House.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill (by Committee) to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from payment of certain taxes was discharged and the same made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 11.30 o'clock A. M.

Mr. ALLEN asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House a Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield

County, for extra services in making the assessment in Edgefield County for the fiscal year of 1879.

Mr. SIMONTON asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the petition of David Pellis, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and presented the petition of David Pellis, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HASKELL asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the claim of the Southern Warehouse Company.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. FICKEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to renew the charter of Schiller Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F.

Mr. MULLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize John Taylor to erect and maintain two gates across the public road leading from Charleston to Columbia, on the West side of Congaree River, in Lexington County.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Second Circuit, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 10, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has laid on the table Bill (House) to define and prescribe punishment for house-breaking.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate sent to this House

The claim of Columbia Gas Light Company.

Also,

The claim of Columbia Gas Light Company.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate sent to this House the following Bills:

A Bill to establish and charter Watts's Ferry, across Saluda River;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C.;"

A Bill to amend Section 5 of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate certain towns and villages, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted," ratified January 28, 1860.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

A Bill to fix and determine the quarantine anchorage and boarding station for Port Royal harbor, to render more efficient the quarantine service in the several ports of this State, was read the first time and referred to the Medical Committee.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 23, Article II, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to a homestead, and providing that the benefits of the homestead exemption may be shared equally by all classes of citizens, was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg and Greenville Counties to apply all back taxes due from the Air Line Railroad Company, or any other back taxes which are now due said Counties, to the payment of the bonds of said Counties was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendment,

A Bill (House) to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within the State," approved March 18th, 1878, so far as it refers to the Counties of Georgetown and Richland.

The House refused to agree to the amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to alter and amend the law relating to juries and jurors, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to grant certain powers to the Bishop and Standing Committees of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A petition from sundry citizens of Laurens County praying additional legislation to prevent the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

The report was agreed to and the petition ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize actions in certain claims against the County of Chester, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill to allow the citizens of Middleton township, in Sumter County, the benefit of the fence law.

Also, on

A Bill to fix the standard in respect to certain grains, roots, fruits and vegetables.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CARLISLE, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide for the payment of the indebtedness of the school districts of the County of Orangeburg, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Edgefield County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. ALLEN, the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries was discharged from the further consideration of

The petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield County for a special tax to build bridges in said County, which was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report and reported

A Bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within the town of Marion and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report and reported

A Joint Resolution to allow the State Treasurer to reissue to H. D. Lesesne a new certificate of State stock in lieu of one lost or destroyed, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BROWN, from the Medical Committee, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to repeal Section 8 of an Act to regulate the practice of dentistry and protect the people against empiricism in relation thereto in the State of South Carolina, approved 23d February, 1875.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize L. M. Westberry, of Colleton County, to change the road leading from Walterboro to George's Station around his settlement, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LEAPHART, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV, Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes," relating to the repairs of highways and bridges, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CHILDS, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to incorporate the village of Peake's Station, in Lexington County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported

A Bill to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem, mileage and stationery certificates of the members of the General Assembly, the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof, and for other purposes, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide for the funding of certain past due interest on the valid consolidated debt of the State.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to appoint Commissioners to take charge of the Downer fund, in Aiken County.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to regulate and fix the fee of County Treasurers for issuing tax executions to be paid only by defendants.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Beaufort County to pay claim of L. S. Langley, County Auditor of said County.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Clarendon County to levy and collect a special tax of two mills on the dollar for the payment of the past indebtedness of said County.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend Section 89 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts providing for the assessment and taxation of property into one Act and to amend the same," approved March 19, 1874.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DAVIES, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Cheraw Railroad Company," approved February 27, 1873, which was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

Claim of J. W. Lancaster;

Claim of J. T. Treutlen;

Claim of J. D. Everett;

Claim of J. B. Ezell, J. P. Southern and J. P. Meighan.

Claim of the United States.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

Claim of Julius Brown.

Also, on

Claim of C. E. Leaphart.

The report was agreed to, the claim rejected, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also, made a report referring to the Comptroller General claim of J. W. Smith.

The report was agreed to and the claim referred accordingly.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

Claim of J. J. Harrison, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein;

A Joint Resolution requiring County Treasurers to pay out school funds remaining in their hands from previous years to school expenses of current year;

A Joint Resolution authorizing the State Reporter to prepare an index to Volume XVI of the Statutes of this State;

A Bill to authorize Mrs. C. A. Campbell to establish a wharf at her landing on the East side of the Edisto River, known as the Campbell Landing, in Colleton County;

A Bill to declare public a certain road in Orangeburg County.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to change the name of the Belton, Williamston and Easley Railroad Company and to amend the charter thereof;

A Joint Resolution to provide for the repairing and improvement of the Executive mansion and grounds;

A Bill the better to protect those who make advances for agricultural purposes,

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes," approved the 8th day of March, 1875;

A Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, of Chapter CXXIX and of Section 9 of the Revised Statutes, relative to stealing crops from the field;

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to open and declare as public highways certain roads in Barnwell County;

A Bill to provide for the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County;

A Bill to amend the charter of the Union Bank of South Carolina.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Bill to recharter White Hall Ferry, in Beaufort County, and to amend the same, was recommitted to the Committee on Engrossed Acts.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 8.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

COLUMBIA, December 12, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have this day approved the following Acts and Joint Resolutions:

An Act to prevent and punish the intermarrying of races;

An Act to require the executive officers of the State and the superintendents of public institutions to hand in their reports to the State Printer on or before the 20th day of November in each year hereafter;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Ch. Richardson Miles, administrator of the estate of Ralph S. Izard, deceased, certain certificates of stock and certain bonds of the State in lieu of others which have been destroyed;

An Act to further amend the charter of the town of Moultrieville, Sullivan's Island.

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to charter the village of Lisbon;"

An Act to authorize Sheriffs to appoint special deputies without the approval of a Circuit Judge;

An Act to extend a road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County;

An Act to enforce the use of a uniform series of text books in the free public schools of this State;

An Act to charter the Inter-State Normal College, at Greenville, South Carolina;

An Act to prohibit the sale of spirits or liquor in the town of Greer, in Greenville County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Timmons ville;"

An Act to amend Title IV, Chapter CXXI, Section 18, of the Revised Statutes, regulating damages in case of eviction;

An Act to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Lexington County to open and keep in repair a public road in said County from Spring Hill to Summit;

An Act to incorporate the town of Cross Anchor, in Spartanburg County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the issuing of checks to laborers upon plantations or elsewhere;"

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to further reduce the number and regulate the pay of officers, attachees, clerks and laborers of the General Assembly, and to provide the manner of electing, appointing and paying the same," approved June 9th, 1877, so far as relates to the pay of doorkeepers;

An Act to repeal the twenty-first Section of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the several societies and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the thirteenth day of December, Anno Domini 1817;

An Act to enable M. C. Hammond to apply for admission to the bar.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to punish persons for the removal or secreting personal property levied upon by the Sheriff or other officers, being Act No. 404," approved November 19th, 1873;

An Act to provide for the establishment of a new township and school district in Chester County and to authorize the levy and collection of a local tax therein.

Very respectfully,

W. D. SIMPSON, Governor.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the Special Order on a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article II, Section 32, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to the homestead exemption, was discharged, and the same was made the Special Order for to-morrow at half-past 12 o'clock P. M.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to make County Treasurers liable to taxpayers for issuing against them executions for taxes which have been paid by them or offered to be paid by them.

Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 48; nays, 60.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barron, Beasley, Blue, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Buist, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Clarkson, Clements, Cleveland, Davies, Dewberry, Earle, Gaillard, Hamer, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lambson, Manigault, Maree, McKissick, Miles, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Jr., Simon-ton, Skipper and Watts.—48.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Allen, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowen, Brodie, Brown, Callison, Cherry, Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Deal, Davis, Donaldson, Eason, Edens, Elkins, Frederick, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hane, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Lawton, Leaphart, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Richards, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—60.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill was then recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 12 O'CLOCK M.

The enacting words of a Bill to establish uniformity in actions brought for the partition of real estate were ordered to be stricken out.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 12 O'CLOCK M.

A Bill to provide for a graded school in Union, South Carolina, was read the second time, the title amended by adding after the word "district" the words "in the town of Union, and the town of Johnston's, in the County of Edgefield," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits within the town of Honea Path, in Anderson County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The enacting words of a Bill to fix the distances for which Constables shall hereafter be allowed to charge mileage were ordered to be stricken out.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879.

Pending the debate,

On motion of Mr. AUSTIN, the House receded from business at 2.40 o'clock P. M. to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The Speaker resumed the chair at 7 o'clock P. M.

The House resumed the consideration of

A Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879.

On motion of Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL, a call of the House was ordered. All the members of the House answered to their names except Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. J. C. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barron, Beard, Beaty, Bell, Blakeney, Bradley, Brodie, Brown, Chase, Childs, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Davant, Davies, Dorroh, Elkins, Fulmore, Gantt, Gonzalez, Hane, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Maree, McGowan, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Moody, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, J. Simons, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Walker and Westberry.

A quorum being present, further proceeding under the call of the House was dispensed with.

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON moved to strike out Section 7.

Mr. COOKE demanded the previous question, which was sustained and the main question ordered; and the question being put, "Will the House agree to the motion?" the yeas and nays were taken and are as follows:

Yeas, 27; nays, 86.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, J. B. Cleveland, Dargan, Davis, Dewberry, Edens, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, R. R. Hemphill, McNeel, Moody, Morrison, B. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Scarboro, Shoemaker, B. Simmons and Skipper.—27.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bacon, Barron, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Clarkson, Clements, Clowney, Cooke, Davant, Deal, Davies, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Haue, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McKissick, Miles, T. E. Miller, Minus, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—86.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David H. Thompson and Augustus F. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in this Act.

The Bill was read the third time, and the question being put, "Shall the Bill pass and be ordered to be sent to the Senate?" the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas 86; nays 19.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Bacon, Barber, Barron, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Cannon, Cassidy, Clarkson, Clements, Clowney, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Wm. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Matison, McKissick, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, J. Simons, Jr., Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Trantham, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—86.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Allen, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Bowen, Callison, Carlisle, Chase, Cherry, Davant, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, R. R. Hemphill, McNeel, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shoemaker, Stephenson and Walker.—19.

So the Bill was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The House resumed the consideration of the Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, a Bill to provide for the investment and use of the agricultural fund was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 11.30 o'clock A. M.

Mr. COOKE asked leave to record the vote he would have given if present on the question "Shall the Bill to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled 'An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances,' approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus T. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in the Act, be passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate?" and Mr. Cooke being called answered "Aye."

On motion of Mr. KENNEDY, the House was adjourned at 9.05 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

Prayer by the Rev. J. Walter Dickson.

The reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The following message was received from the Senate :

The Senate sent to this House the following :

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the town of Seneca City, in the County of Oconee, and to reduce all Acts or parts of Acts in relation thereto into one Act ;

A Bill to further amend an Act to incorporate the town of Batesburg, in the County of Lexington, approved May 31st, 1877 ;

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Beaufort.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

A Bill to further amend the criminal law was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Joint Resolution authorizing and empowering the County Treasurer of Beaufort County to pay out certain surplus funds now on hand was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A Joint Resolution to authorize the purchase by the State of two guns from the Columbia Flying Artillery at the price of four hundred dollars was read the first time and referred to the Military Committee.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. MURRAY asked and obtain the unanimous consent of the House to introduce, without previous notice,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to appeals from the Circuit Courts to the Supreme Court," approved December 19, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce, without previous notice,

A Joint Resolution to allow and pay Benjamin Sanders interest and judgment against Colleton County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to pay late members of the investigating Committee on the past indebtedness of Colleton County the balance of pay due

them, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McKISSICK asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce, without previous notice,

A Bill to enable creditors of or any person interested in testate estates to require executors to execute bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties as such executor, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. BUIST presented the petition of G. A. Hollinger for payment of State bonds, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MANIGAULT introduced

A Bill to amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Mr. MORRISON presented the report of the Building Commission of Hampton County, which was referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BLUE introduced

A Bill to authorize and require the Circuit Solicitors to attend the sessions of the General Assembly and to prescribe their duties and compensation, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BOWMAN introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of places mentioned therein," which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BRODIE introduced

A Bill to relieve the school claims of Aiken County, for the fiscal year 1877-78 of the operation of Section 40 of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the school law of South Carolina," approved March 22, 1878, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. ALLEN introduced

A Bill to open a certain public road in Edgefield County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. SHAW introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a Commission of five members of the General Assembly, to consist of two Senators and three Representatives, be created, whose duty it shall be forthwith to investigate the charges made of cruelty, neglect or inhumanity exercised towards any prisoner or convict of the State Penitentiary by any person or persons or corporation or corporations.

That said Commission shall have power to send for persons and papers and take testimony in the premises.

That the Commission shall begin the said investigation without delay, and shall, as speedily as possible, make a report, with the testimony taken, to the Governor of the State, who shall cause the proper law officers to institute prosecution in all cases warranted by the said testimony.

That the members of the said Commission shall be entitled to the per diem and mileage allowed to members of the General Assembly: *Provided*, That said per diem shall not be allowed for a longer period than twenty days.

Mr. JOHNSTONE presented the memorial of the Attorney General of South Carolina and the associate counsel in the bond cases for appropriations to pay balance of expenses incurred in defense of the rights of the said State in said cases, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The SPEAKER asked and obtained leave of absence for two days on account of sickness, and naming in his absence as Speaker *pro tem*. Mr. C. H. Simonton, member from Charleston.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Bell for two days.

Mr. I. M. HUTSON introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

Resolved, That until the Special Orders on the Calendar shall have been disposed of the morning session of each day be devoted to the consideration of the Special Orders; and to facilitate the passage of other measures of great importance, that the evening sessions be devoted to the consideration of the General Orders in regular course as they occur on the Calendar.

On motion of Mr. I. M. HUTSON, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Sojourner for two days.

On motion of Mr. CARLISLE, leave of absence was granted to Mr. J. B. Cleveland for two days.

Mr. SCARBORO asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the claim of A. W. Stuckey.

On motion of Mr. FREDERICK, ordered that when this House adjourns it be adjourned to meet on Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. HUMBERT introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

Resolved, That after Tuesday, the 16th, no member of this body will be permitted to present any Bill or Joint Resolution except the Chairman of their respective Committees, and they only on such subject matter as may have been submitted for their consideration.

The SPEAKER called for reports of standing Committees.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee on Incorporations, reported a Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company, which was read the first time and made the Special Order of the day for Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Special Committee of the Charleston Delegation, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, and to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. SHOEMAKER, from the special Committee of the Orangeburg Delegation, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the same person from holding the office of trustee and teach a public school at the same time," which was considered immediately, agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. DAVIES, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg and Greenville Counties to apply all back taxes due from the Air Line Railroad Company, or any other back taxes which are now due said Counties, to the payment of the bonds of said Counties.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to allow the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad Company to pay their indebtedness to the State for the hire of convicts in the stock of the said company at par."

Which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. I. M. HUTSON, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

Claim of William Wilson ;

Also,

Claim of Kershaw Gazette.

Which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. LAMBSON, from the Committee on Railroads, made a report and reported

A Bill to amend the railroad laws of this State, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made an unfavorable report on

The petition of sundry citizens of Richland County praying the abolishing of Trenholm precinct, in said County, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds or stocks.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Alexander Robertson a certain certificate of State stock, the original of which has been lost or destroyed.

Also, on

Memorial and petition of the Palmetto Guard, of Charleston.

Also, made an unfavorable on

A Bill to make County Treasurers liable to taxpayers for issuing against them executions for taxes which had been paid by them or offered to be paid by them.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to draw his warrants on the Treasurer in order to have paid to the Railroad Commissioner that portion of the expenses of the office which the South Carolina Railroad has failed to pay for the year 1879.

Also, on

A Bill to abolish the office of County Auditor and for other purposes. Which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Also, made a report and reported

A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made a report and reported

A Bill to make certain changes in the voting precincts of Aiken, Colleton, Edgefield, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Lexington, Pickens and Spartanburg, which was read the first time and made the Special Order of the day for Monday next at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. HANE, from the Orangeburg Delegation, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the better protection of religious worship," so far as the same relates to the County of Orangeburg.

Mr. SEEGER³, from the Committee on State House and Grounds, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution providing for repairing the enclosure on the Capitol grounds around the grave of Captain Swanson Lunsford, the former owner of said grounds, which was ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia in reference to the poor of said city ;

A Joint Resolution to complete the correction of the books of the Comptroller General and the State Treasurer directed by the last General Assembly ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled " An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved 20th December, 1878 ;

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Comptroller General to issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum of five hundred dollars in favor of Mrs. Isabella Werner and children, in payment of the balance due for cast iron Palmetto tree ;

A Bill to require railroads to furnish consignees an itemized statement of freight charges and requiring them to settle according to the bill of lading.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to limit the plaintiff in an action for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands ;

A Bill to authorize Wm. Howell and his wife, Hannah Harriet Howell, to adopt and make their lawful heir Mary Caroline Howell ;

A Bill respecting the mode of funding the debt of the County of Charleston and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same ;

A Bill to continue in force an Act to extend the time for funding the unquestionable debt of this State.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following as properly enrolled and ready for ratification :

An Act to amend and extend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue four per cent. coupon bonds for the purpose of taking up and retiring the stock of the said city ;

An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad Company ;

An Act to regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of this State ;

An Act to change the name of Josephine Parker to Josephine Thomas and enable her to inherit from Samuel R. Thomas ;

An Act to determine and fix the compensation of the physician to attend on the jail in Charleston County ;

An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the several school districts in Lexington County ;

An Act to enable G. D. Haltiwanger and John S. Wilson to apply for admission to the bar ;

An Act to enable Martha Vaughn, of Edgefield County, to inherit from Elizabeth Vaughn ;

An Act to change the name of William Jackson Newby to William Jackson Burton and enable him and Martha Elizabeth Cook to inherit from Jasper Newton Burton ;

An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter CXVI, Title III, Part III, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Foreclosure and Redemption of Mortgages."

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing the first day of November, 1879, which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

Mr. BUIST offered the following amendment as Section 12 :

"Sec. 12. That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to pay for the bronze tablet containing the seal of the State on the monument erected in honor of the dead defenders of Fort Moultrie, situate on White Point Garden, in the city of Charleston."

On the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 57; nays, 35.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Bacon, Barber, Barron, Beasley, Blue, Bradley, Britton, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Clarkson, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Earle, Eason, Elfe, Elkins, Fulmore, Gantt, Gonzalez, Haltiwanger, Harper, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Miles, T. E. Miller, Minus, Perry, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Walker, Watts and Wiggins.—57.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Brown, Cannon, Carlisle, Chase, Cherry, Childs, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Edens, Frederick, Gaillard, Hamer, Hane, J. J. Hemphill, Keller, Leaphart, Massey, McNeel, Moody, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, Scarboro, Shoemaker, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—35.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. MURRAY moved to amend the seventh Section of the Bill by striking out on the first line the words "four hundred and sixty-nine thousand dollars" and inserting the following: "three hundred and twenty-four thousand seven hundred dollars."

The question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 14; nays, 87.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Austin, Barron, Beard, Beaty, Bowen, Bowman, Brown, Cherry, Davis, Moody, Muller, Murray, Sojourner and Wilson.—14.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Bacon, Barber, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Clarkson, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Davant, Deal, Dewberry, Donaldson, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Massey, T. E. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers,

Shaw, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts and Wiggins.—87.

Mr. BUIST offered the following amendment, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means:

“That the sum of nine hundred and fifty-six 65-100 dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to pay the balance of the expenses of the Court of Claims.”

SPECIAL ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. CARLISLE, a Bill to relieve the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from payment of certain taxes was made the Special Order of the day for Tuesday next at 12 o'clock M.

On motion of Mr. WALKER, a Bill to repeal an Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections, approved March 22, 1878, was made the Special Order for Tuesday next at 1 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. B. H. RICE, a Bill to authorize the Governor to issue his proclamation for the call of a Convention to create a new State Constitution was made the Special Order of the day for Wednesday next at 12 o'clock M.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. MURRAY moved that the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to examine carefully a Bill to relieve the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from the payment of certain taxes, and report on the same at the time the said Bill was made a Special Order.

Pending the discussion,

On motion of Mr. ELFE, the House was adjourned to meet on Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1879.

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At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The Senate sent to this House

A Bill (S. B.) authorizing the Governor to pay certain claims accruing from the first day of November, A. D. 1876, from the unexpended balance of the contingent fund of the Governor for the past fiscal year, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also, returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill (House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties, and to establish in their stead the office of Master."

Also,

A Bill (House) in reference to the past indebtedness of Sumter County.

The amendments were severally concurred in, titles severally changed to Acts, and severally ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The following messages were received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 12, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Bill from your honorable body to authorize suits on certain claims against Colleton County.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 12, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Joint Resolution from your honorable body for the settlement of the claim of Messrs. Memminger, Pinckney & Jervy and also claim of W. H. Brawley.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 12, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Bill (House) to provide for the publication of Acts and Joint Resolutions passed by the General Assembly and approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 12, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it refuses to concur in the amendments of your honorable body to Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Second Circuit.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The House ordered a message to be sent to the Senate insisting upon its amendments.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication :

SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 15, 1879.

To the Hon. JOHN C. SHEPPARD,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have accepted the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, which disqualifies me from being a member of the Legislature, and my seat, as one of the Representatives from Abbeville County, is vacant. It is not without deep emotions that I sever the political ties which for more than twenty-five years have bound me to the good people of Abbeville, who, during that long and eventful period, for no other return than earnest efforts to serve the State, have, under all circumstances, in prosperity and adversity, in peace and in war, sustained me with a generous confidence and an unfaltering support. No words can express my sense of obligation, and my highest hope is that I may be able to deserve their approbation in the future as I have received it in the past.

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With a heart full of gratitude for constant courtesy and kindness received at their hands, and with a firm resolve to do my whole duty to the best of my ability, I can only say to each and every member of the House of Representatives, farewell.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. MCGOWAN.

Also,

SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COLUMBIA, S. C., 15th December, 1879.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the

House of Representatives of South Carolina:

GENTLEMEN—Finding that grave doubts are entertained by some, whose opinions are entitled to the highest respect, as to the power of the present General Assembly to fill the vacancy in the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court which would be occasioned by my acceptance of the office of Chief Justice upon the expiration of the term for which the present incumbent of that office was elected, I feel compelled by a sense of duty to decline to accept the office of Chief Justice, to which, by your kindness, I have been elected.

I am not willing, for the sake of mere personal advancement, to take any step by which the slightest doubt may be thrown upon the legality of the composition of the Supreme Court or that the interests of the State should be in the slightest degree imperilled by a failure to complete the organization of that tribunal promptly in such manner as is thought to be best calculated to secure the welfare of the State.

Permit me to assure you, gentlemen, of my very high appreciation of the honor which you have done me, and to tender you my profoundest thanks for such a distinguished mark of confidence.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY McIVER.

Which was referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers. The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. BUIST presented the claim of Dr. John Lynch, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. HASKELL presented the memorial of G. J. Luhn and others, which was referred to the Medical Committee.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. REDFEARN introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Cross Roads Baptist Church, in Chesterfield County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. MURRAY introduced

A Bill to regulate the sale of real estate in Anderson County when sold under process from the Courts.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to recharter the Savannah Valley Railroad Company," approved March 12, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof, approved December 24, 1878.

Also,

A Bill to charter the Anderson and Easley Railroad Company.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to regulate the collection of taxes voted to the Savannah Railroad Company in certain towns and townships in Anderson and Abbeville Counties.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. GONZALEZ presented the petition of sundry citizens of Charleston County praying the repeal of the exclusive rights of passenger and freight transportation possessed by the Mount Pleasant and Sullivan's Island Ferry Company, which was referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. J. H. RICE introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

Resolved, That the report of the officers of the State Agricultural Society be printed and laid on the desks of the members.

Mr. HALTIWANGER asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce, without previous notice,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock and to extend the same to a portion of Edgefield County," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The SPEAKER presented the claim of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. REDFEARN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Cross Roads Baptist Church, in Chesterfield County.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to employ two hundred convicts for one year in clearing out and making navigable the Waccamaw and Little Pee Dee Rivers, in Horry County.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to pay Commissioners on past indebtedness for Colleton County the balance of pay due them.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to pay Benjamin Sanders arrears of interest due him on a judgment against Colleton County.

Mr. GONZALEZ gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Mount Pleasant and Sullivan's Island Ferry Company."

Mr. MANIGAULT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877.

Mr. COOKE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to regulate the hiring out of the Penitentiary convicts and for other purposes relating thereto.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to change the name of Fannie Chappell to Fannie Pitts and to permit her to inherit from David Pitts and Rebecca Pitts or either of them if they or either of them die intestate, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the service of notice of appeal in Courts of Trial Justices.

Also,

A Bill to authorize and require the Circuit Solicitors to attend the sessions of the General Assembly and to prescribe their duties and compensation.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to regulate the order in which claims against the Counties of the State shall be paid.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide a stenographer for the Fifth Circuit.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution to pay late members of the investigating Committee on the past indebtedness of Colleton County the balance of pay due them.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a report and reported

A Bill to amend Sections 1 and 2, Chapter XXVI, Title I, of General Statutes, Part I, relative to Constables, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

Petition of the Cheraw Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, praying that a law may be enacted by which the citizens of each County may determine for themselves by ballot whether they will tolerate or prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors among themselves.

The report was agreed to and the petition ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to further amend the criminal law, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. GAILLARD, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of

Resolution inquiring as to phosphate taxes due the State by the said companies, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of

A Joint Resolution to allow and pay Benjamin Sanders interest and judgment against Colleton County, and the same was referred to the Colleton Delegation.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on

The memorial of the Attorney General of South Carolina and the associate counsel in the bond cases for appropriation to pay the balance of expenses incurred in the defense of the rights of the said State in said cases.

The report was considered immediately and agreed to.

Mr. DEWBERRY, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to abandon the new bridge across the North Edisto River on the public road leading from Branchville to Easterling's, in Orangeburg County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LEAPHART, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize John Taylor to erect and maintain two gates across the public road leading from Columbia to Charleston on the West side of the Congaree River, in Lexington County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HAMER, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to open a certain public road in Edgefield County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

Claim of Columbia Gas Light Company; also,

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Claim of Butler Guards; also,

Claim of C. O. Brown; also,

Claim of E. R. Stokes; also,

Claim of Riordan & Dawson; also,

Accounts due and unpaid by office of Adjutant and Inspector General.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

Claim of R. G. Sessions.

The report was agreed to and the claim rejected.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A resolution recommending amendments to the supply Bill in relation to the taxation of the proceeds of mines and mining claims, which

was considered immediately, agreed to, ordered to be laid on the table, and to be printed.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to enable citizens of this State to apply for admission for the bar;

A Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, Chapter CXXVIII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to obstructing railroads;

A Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits within the town of Honea Path, in Anderson County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof;

A Bill to open a public road from the Barksdale Ferry road to the White Hall road, in Abbeville County.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto," approved March 19, 1874, so far as applies to the Counties of Charleston, Edgefield and Barnwell, was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DAVIES, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company to reduce their capital to \$200,000, and to exempt said company from the operation of the 41st Section of the Act of 1841, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of

The motion of Mr. MURRAY that the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to examine carefully a Bill to relieve the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from the payment of certain taxes and report on the same at the time the said Bill was made the Special Order. The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, all of the Special Orders not disposed of on Saturday last were taken up and ordered to be restored to their several places on the Calendar as Special Orders for this day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of

A Bill imposing a tax and prescribing the mode of collecting the same on the privilege of selling wine, alcoholic and malt liquors within the limits of this State.

Mr. LAMBSON called the previous question, which was sustained ; and the question being put, "Shall the enacting words of the Bill be stricken out?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 73 ; nays, 23.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Barron, Beard, Blakeney, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brodie, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Childs, Clarkson, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Earle, Eason, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Mattison, McNeel, Miles, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Wiggins and Wilson.—73.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Beasley, Beaty, Britton, Clements, Davant, Donaldson, Dorroh, Edens, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Hamer, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, Humbert, Keller, J. A. Miller, T. E. Miller, Redfearn, W. B. Rice and Watts.—23.

So the enacting words of the Bill were stricken out.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company, which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. CARLISLE moved to strike out Section 13 of the Bill.

Mr. GAILLARD moved to lay the motion on the table ; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 14 ; nays, 77.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Bacon, Clarkson, Elkins, Gaillard, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Lambson, Manigault, Maree, Murray, Seegers, Suber, and Watts.—14.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blakeney, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Childs, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Edens, Elfe, Fulmore,

Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lachicotte, Lawton, Leaphart, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Morrison, Muller, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Trantham, Wiggins and Wilson.—77.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill, having been read the second time, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which had been made the Special Order for this day at 11 o'clock A. M., was taken up for consideration.

Mr. CALLISON moved that the enacting words of the Bill be stricken out; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 73; nays, 29.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Beaty, Blakeney, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Childs, Clarkson, Davant, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Earle, Edens, Elfe, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lawton, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, McNeel, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Trantham, Watts and Wiggins.—73.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Austin, Bacon, Beard, Bradley, Brown, Buist, Cherry, Clements, Cooke, Donaldson, Eason, Elkins, Ficken, Gonzalez, Harper, Haskell, Lachicotte, Lambson, Manigault, Mattison, Miles, Murray, Perry, Rutledge, Seegers, J. Simons, Simonton, Suber and Wilson.—29.

So the enacting words of the Bill were ordered to be stricken out.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill to make certain changes in the voting precincts of Aiken, Colleton, Edgefield, Greenville, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lexington, Pickens and Spartanburg was read the second time, title amended by striking out all after the word "precincts" and inserting the words "therein named," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill for the better protection of migratory fish, which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day at 1 o'clock P. M., was taken up for a second reading. The Bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill to provide for the investment and use of the Agricultural College fund was taken up for a second reading.

The Special Order was discharged, and the same made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 11.30 o'clock A. M.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill to provide artificial legs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865.

The Bill was read the second time.

Mr. MURRAY moved to indefinitely postpone the Bill ; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 14 ; nays, 76.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Beasley, Brodie, Deal, Eason, Garrison, Lambson, Mattison, J. S. Miller, Murray, Redfearn and Wilson.—14.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brown, Buist, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Clarkson, Cooke, Davant, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Ficken, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Massey, McNeel, J. A. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Perry, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simon-ton, Skipper, Smalls, Suber, Trantham, Watts and Wiggins.—76.

So the House refused to agree to the motion and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to provide for the establishment of a new school district in the town of Union, in the County of Union, and the town of Johnston, in the County of Edgefield, and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein.

The Bill was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Also,

A Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879.

Pending the reading of the Bill, on motion of Mr. EARLE, the House recessed from business at 3 o'clock P. M. until 7 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The House resumed the consideration of

A Bill to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879.

Mr. HASKELL moved to reconsider the vote whereby the following was laid on the table:

"SECTION 19. That the sum of nine hundred and fifty-six dollars and sixty-five cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to pay the balance of expenses of the Court of Claims, to be paid on the application of the Attorney General, on the warrants from the Comptroller General."

Mr. MURRAY moved to lay the motion on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 51; nays, 44.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beaty, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Clarkson, Clowney, Cooke, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Earle, Eckhard, Edens, Fulmore, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, W. Henderson, Humbert, Keller, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson and Wilson.—51.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, J. C. Anderson, Barron, Beasley, Blue, Bradley, Brodie, Buist, Clements, Dargan, Davant, Davies, Dorroh, Eason, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Hane, Harper, Haskell, R.

R. Hemphill, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lambson, Lawton, Manigault, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, Rutledge, Seegers, J. Simons, Simonton, Suber, Trantham, Watts and Wiggins.—44.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The Bill, having been read the third time, passed, and was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee of the Charleston Delegation, to whom was recommitted

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Counties therein named and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto," approved March 19, 1871, so far as the same applies to the Counties of Charleston, Edgefield and Barnwell.

The Bill was read the first time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. RUTLEDGE, from the Military Committee, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to authorize the purchase by the State of two guns from the Columbia Flying Artillery at the price of four hundred dollars, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) proposing an amendment to Section 23, Title II, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to the homestead and providing that the benefits of the homestead exemption may be shared equally by all classes of citizens, which was made the Special Order of the day at the same time with a kindred subject.

Mr. GAILLARD presented the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the State Military Academy, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. BUIST introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to the legal representative of H. C. Frank a certificate of State stock for one hundred and ninety dollars, lost or destroyed, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. MASSEY presented the claim of J. P. Hulsey for payment of a reward offered by the Governor of the State which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. JOHNSTONE introduced

A Bill to regulate the manner of denominating the Law and Equity Reports of this State, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. MANIGAULT, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Lachicotte for two days.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and apply the same to certain portions of Spartanburg County.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Concurrent Resolution instructing Senators and requesting Representatives to advocate the appropriation of revenue of public lands to the cause of education.

Also,

A Bill (House) to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Spartanburg and Augusta Railroad Company," with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate sent to this House

Concurrent Resolution for the election of a Chief Justice, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, sent to this House

Petition of the Baptist Home Mission Society, praying to be exempted from taxation, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 13, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has receded from its amendments to Bill from your honorable body to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within the State," approved March 18, 1878, so far as it relates to the County of Georgetown, by adding after the word "Georgetown" the words "Newberry and Williamsburg."

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The title of the Bill was then changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State, in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

Which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and to extend the same to Greenville County ;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) for the relief of E. E. Dickson, ex-County Treasurer of Clarendon County, and the sureties on his official bond.

A Bill (by Committee) to fix the salary of the office of Adjutant and Inspector General at one thousand dollars.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A resolution (favorable) instructing the Clerk to prepare for issue a duplicate of pay certificate No. 64, for \$145, issued in December, 1878, to John C. Haskell, Esq., member from Richland County, the original of which has been lost or destroyed, was taken up for consideration and agreed to.

A Bill (favorable) to fix the salary of Trial Justices in Colleton County and to authorize them to pay fines collected by them on the fees of their Constables was taken up for consideration. Read the second time, title amended so as to read :

A Bill to fix the salary of Trial Justices in Colleton and Marlboro Counties and to authorize them to pay fines collected by them on the fees of their Constables, and was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Concurrent Resolution to appoint a Commission to examine into and report to the next General Assembly a suitable location for the Lazaretto buildings near the city of Charleston was taken up for consideration, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A Bill (unfavorable) to regulate contracts between employer and employee and to enforce penalties for the violation thereof was taken for consideration, read the second time ; and the question being put, " Shall the enacting words be stricken out ? " it was decided in the affirmative. The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 46 ; nays, 37.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Clarkson, Dargan, Davies, Dewberry, Dorroh, Earle, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Miles, T. E. Miller, Muller, Perry, J. H. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, Simonton, Smalls, Suber, Trautham and Wilson.—46.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Barron, Beaty, Blue, Brice, Brown, Clowney, Cooke, Davant, Deal, Davis, Eason, Edens, Hamer, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lawton, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Murray, Redfearn, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Skipper, Watts and Wiggins.—37.

So the enacting words were stricken out.

A Bill (unfavorable) for the protection of truck farmers in the vicinity of Charleston, South Carolina, was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. J. H. RICE, the House adjourned at 9 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. RODGERS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill requiring the County Commissioners of Marion County to lay out a public highway in said County.

Mr. KENNEDY presented the account of Managers of Election of Kershaw County, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. SHAW presented the claim of John F. Gaston for the capture of Tilmán Hoil, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The SPEAKER called for reports of standing Committees.

Mr. CLARKSON, from the Committee on Offices and Officers, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877, which was considered immediately, the report agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BEATY, the Committee on Offices and Officers was discharged from the further consideration of the Building Commission appointed by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a new judicial and election County from a portion of the County of Beaufort, to be known as Hampton County," and the same was referred to the Hampton Delegation.

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Offices and Officers, made a favorable report on

A Bill to salary Trial Justices in Marlboro County and authorize them to pay fines collected by them on fees of Constables, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on

A Bill to provide for the registration of electors of this State in pursuance of the requirements of the Constitution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BLAKENEY, from the Medical Committee, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to establish a uniform system of registration of deaths, marriages and births in South Carolina.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. A. F. ANDERSON made a favorable report on

A Bill to fix and determine the quarantine anchorage and boarding station for Port Royal harbor and to render more efficient the quarantine service in the several ports of this State, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Bill (from the Senate) authorizing the Governor to pay certain claims accruing since the first day of November, A. D. 1876, from the unexpended balance of the contingent fund of the Governor for the past fiscal year, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution authorizing and empowering the County Treasurer of Beaufort County to pay out certain surplus funds now on hand, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MANIGAULT, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, made a favorable report on

A Bill (from the Senate) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved December 20, 1878, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SEEGERS presented the memorial of T. J. Thackam, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of a Bill to make appropriations for the per diem, mileage and stationery certificates of the members of the General Assembly, the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof, and for other objects herein named, which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

The Bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879, which was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. BUIST, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, gave notice that he would offer sundry amendments to the Bill on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Bacon the balance of the week.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

A Bill (No. 134) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort" was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (No. 137) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort" was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Senate sent to this House the following messages :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 15, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Bill (House) to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXVIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestate estates.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 15, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected House Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation to County Commissioners, their powers and duties, into one Act and to amend the same," approved April 13, 1875, being Act No. 800.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 15, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected House Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to remit tax penalty to E. D. Gilmore.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 15, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it consents to a Committee of conference and has appointed Messrs. Moore and

Counts as Committee of conference on part of Senate on Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Second Circuit.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also, the following message :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 16, 1879.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully invites your honorable body to attend in the Senate Chamber this day, at 8 P. M., to assist in the ratification of Acts.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Which, on motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, was ordered to be laid on the table.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to protect the rights of creditors of joint stock companies and to regulate the same.

The amendments were concurred in, the title of the same changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also, returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to organize the office of the Coroner of Charleston County and to fix the pay and expenses thereof. The amendments were concurred in, the title of the Bill changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Report of the joint Committee on the Concurrent Resolution in reference to the alleged cruelty to convicts.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and to extend the same to Greenville County.

The Bill was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill for the protection of truck farmers in the vicinity of Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. LAMBSON moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

After some time spent in the discussion thereof,

Mr. BEARD called the previous question, which was sustained; and the question being put, "Will the House agree to the motion?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 45; nays, 54.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Blakeney, Blue, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Cannon, Clements, Cooke, Dargan, Davant, Davies, Earle, Edens, Fulmore, Gaillard, Haltiwanger, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Mattison, Miles, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Muller, J. H. Rice, Scarboro, Simonton, Watts, Westberry and Wilson.—45.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barron, Beasley, Bowen, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Child, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Elfe, Ficken, Frederick, Gonzalez, Graham, Hamer, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Kennedy, Manigault, Maree, McKisick, J. A. Miller, Minus, Moody, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, J. Simons, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham and Wiggins.—54.

So the House refused to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

The Bill having been read the second time was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to recharter White Hall Ferry, in Beaufort County, and to amend the same;

A Bill to incorporate the House of Rest Charity;

A Bill to incorporate the Southern Coast and River Navigation Company;

A Bill to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to provide for the repairing and improvement of the Executive mansion and grounds.

Which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The Senate sent to this House

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter XLV, of the General Statutes, relating to persons liable to work on the public highways and roads," so far as the same may relate to the Counties of Spartanburg, Chesterfield and Abbeville, approved June 8, 1877.

Also,

A Bill to authorize Walker J. Brookes and other persons to construct gates across a public road,

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to pay to J. J. Steele, Jr., the sum of one thousand dollars.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled 'Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed,'" approved December 14, 1878, and also Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed, approved May 22, 1878,

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to enable William H. Ingram, of Clarendon County, Francis T. Morgan, of Chester County, and James K. P. Goggans, of Newberry County, to apply for admission to the bar, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to regulate the classification of cotton in bales by railroads and other common carriers within this State, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

A Bill to provide for the payment of past due school claims for Barnwell County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens, made a report and reported

A Bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Belton, in Anderson County, and its vicinity, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections," approved March 22, 1878, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, all the Special Orders not disposed of this day were discharged and the same made the Special Orders for to-morrow at the same hours.

On motion of Mr. FREDERICK, the House recessed from business at 2:45 o'clock P. M. to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Williamsburg Railroad Company;'"

A Bill (favorable) to conform the charters of corporations heretofore incorporated by special Acts to the provisions of the Constitution;

A Bill (favorable) to vest in James T. Todd the right to open Brown Swamp, in Horry County, for the navigation of logs, timber and timber flats, together with petition on same subject;

A Joint Resolution (by Committee) to relieve J. W. Gilreath as lessee of the Saluda Gap turnpike road, in Greenville County;

A Bill to incorporate the town of Blythewood, in the County of Fairfield;

A Bill (by Committee) to fix the time for advertising personal property before sale;

A Bill (by Committee) to amend an Act to authorize the Comptroller General to make abatements of taxes, approved 1874;

A Bill (substitute by Committee) to change the name of Joseph P. Graham to Joseph P. Martin and to permit him to inherit from H. Martin and Matilda Martin if they or either of them die intestate;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to relieve D. L. DeSaussure, late Treasurer of Kershaw County, from certain liabilities against him for the years 1868 and 1869;

A Bill (by Committee) to repeal all Acts permitting the erecting of gates across the public road from the Charleston and Camden road to Middleton Depot, in Sumter County;

A Bill (favorable) to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the number and pay of Trial Justices in Greenville," approved December 20, 1878;

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in America;

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C.;"

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Marion and for other purposes therein mentioned," approved March 13, 1872;

A Bill (favorable) to establish and charter the Charleston and Cainho Ferry Company;

A Bill to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Kershaw County to dispose of Wateree free bridge and for other purposes therein mentioned;

A Bill to provide for the payment of the Board of School Examiners for Kershaw County for services rendered in the investigation of the past school indebtedness of said County and for other purposes;

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Aiken County to levy a special tax and to build a court house and jail at the County seat of said County;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize the County Treasurer of Union County to apply the two mills school tax collected for the fiscal year 1877, and turned over to him by his predecessor, to the payment of past due school claims of said County;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize the County Treasurer of Horry County to reimburse Josiah Cox, School Commissioner for said County, out of school funds of said County, thirty-nine dollars, paid by said Cox for enumeration of school children in said County;

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act, No. 413, approved March 12, 1878, entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and compensation of Trial Justices and Constables in the County of Barnwell ;"

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to incorporate the Greenville Merchants' and Cotton Exchange.

A Bill (by Committee) to make certain appropriations for the State Library and for repairs to the same.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A Bill (unfavorable) to require all persons and bodies corporate offering for sale within this State commercial fertilizers not the produce or manufacture of this State to obtain a license therefor.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A Bill (with majority and minority reports) to regulate the practice in relation to divorce.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A resolution as to introduction of Bills (Mr. Murray).

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, the resolution was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to fix the time for advertising personal property before sale was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to dower was taken up for consideration.

Mr. EARLE moved to strike out the enacting words; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 59 ; nays, 37.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummings, Davis, Earle, Edens, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Keller, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Murray, Perry, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts and Westberry.—59.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, J. C. Anderson, Beard, Beasley, Bell, Bradley, Brodie, Brown, Carlisle, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Elkins, Gaillard, Hamer, J. J. Hemphill, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lambson, Leaphart, Miles, J. S. Miller, Muller, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rutledge, J. Simons, Simonton, Wiggins and Wilson.—37.

So the motion was agreed to, and the enacting words of the Bill were stricken out.

A Bill to change the name of Joseph R. Graham to Joseph R. Martin and to make him the lawful heir of Thomas H. Martin and Matilda Martin was ordered to be laid on the table.

The resolution and report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Robert Aldrich to be paid a claim against the State were agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Trial Justice in the County of Lexington was taken up for consideration and read the second time, and title changed so as to read:

A Bill to authorize the appointment of additional Trial Justices for Counties herein named, and was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to provide for the drainage of lands through adjacent lands and to compensate for the damages to such adjacent lands was recommended to the Committee on Agriculture.

A Bill (by Committee) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Eighth Circuit, was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 1 o'clock P. M.

A Bill (by Committee) to authorize the opening of a canal across Charleston Neck, in the County of Charleston, was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

A Bill (favorable) to authorize the appointment of an additional Trial Justice for Darlington County.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A Joint Resolution (unfavorable) calling a Constitutional Convention was made the Special Order of the day for Thursday next at 12 o'clock M.

A Bill (unfavorable) to protect the people of this State in the sale of kerosene oil was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill (favorable) to authorize Walker J. Brooks and other persons to construct gates across public roads was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg," approved February 24, 1876, was recommitted to the Spartanburg Delegation.

A Bill (unfavorable) to amend Part III, Title V, Chapter CXXII, Section 393, of the Revised Statutes, relating to proceedings against joint debtors, heirs, devisees, legatees and tenants holding under a judgment debtor.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A Joint Resolution (favorable) requiring and authorizing all past due school claims in Lexington County to be registered.

Also,

A Bill (favorable) to enable W. D. Mayfield, H. F. Wilson and Charles W. Meynardie to apply for admission to the bar.

Also,

A Bill (favorable) to authorize and require the Governor to appoint an additional Trial Justice for Fairfield County.

Were severally ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to accelerate the proceedings in actions for partition," being an Act, No. 636, approved 23d December, 1878.

Also,

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) providing a Master each for Edgefield, Colleton and Oconee Counties and making provision for cases in the hands of Referees.

Also,

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) (favorable) to authorize the State Treasurer to pay the checks issued by the Clerks of the two houses in lieu of all stationery and postage for the regular session of 1879.

Also,

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) (favorable) authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Horry County to pay out certain funds in the treasury of said County.

Were severally read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company.

The Bill was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. EDENS asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to withdraw from the files of the House

A Bill to salary Trial Justices in Marlboro County and to authorize them to pay fines collected by them on fees of Constables.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to fix the salary of Trial Justices in Colleton and Marlboro Counties and to authorize them to pay fines collected by them on the fees of their Constables, which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The Senate sent to this House

A Bill to amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

On motion of Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND, the House adjourned at 10:20 P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Mack, D. D., of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. CALLISON, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, Resolutions, motions and such like papers.

Mr. BUIST presented the petition of James O'Neill, to be refunded five hundred dollars due him by the State, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. GONZALEZ introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Mount Pleasant and Sullivan's Island Ferry Company," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. SIMONTON asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce, without previous notice,

A Bill to alter and amend the laws relating to the city of Charleston, which was read the first time and made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

Mr. CARLISLE asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the claim of Lemuel Walker.

Mr. STEPHENSON asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the claim of Camden Journal.

Mr. CLARKSON asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the claim of Mary A. Hunt.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the claim of R. G. Sessions.

Mr. BUIST asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce, without previous notice,

A Bill to direct the County Treasurers to pay to County Auditors twenty-five per cent. upon the assessment funds in their several Counties for the years 1878 and 1879, as compensation for extra services performed by them and their assistants in the years 1878 and 1879, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. EARLE introduced

A Bill to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts providing for the assessment and taxation of property into one Act and to prescribe the manner in which taxes on real and personal property and polls shall be assessed and collected, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

M. C. G. HENDERSON introduced

A Bill to declare public a certain road in Colleton County, which was ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House,

Mr. RODGERS introduced

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Marion County to lay out a public highway in said County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. GAILLARD presented the petition of the Union Greenback Labor Club, at Feasterville, asking an amendment of the election laws of this State, which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. AUSTIN introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was read, considered immediately, agreed to, and sent to the Senate for concurrence:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of State is hereby authorized to employ additional clerical services in the engrossing department of his office as he may deem necessary.

Mr. MOODY introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was read, considered immediately, agreed to, and sent to the Senate for concurrence:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, the Senate concurring, That the two houses of the General Assembly meet in Joint Assembly at 1 o'clock P. M. on Thursday, the 18th instant, for the purpose of electing a Chief Justice of this State.

Mr. CHASE presented the petition of sundry citizens praying for the incorporation of the town of Cartersville, in Darlington County, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

The petition of sundry citizens praying against the incorporation of the town of Cartersville, in Darlington County, which was referred to the same Committee.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following return of election from Colleton County:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS OF COLLETON COUNTY.

Statement and Return of Votes Cast for One Representative.

We, the County Board of Canvassers for the County of Colleton, State of South Carolina, make the following statement and return of votes given for Representative, voted for in the County of Colleton on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1879:

Whole number of votes cast.. 974

Total number of votes cast :..... 974

The whole number of votes given for Representative to the

General Assembly for the County of Colleton was... 974

Of which J. R. P. Fox received..... 974

We do certify that the foregoing statement is correct in all respects.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names this 16th day of December, A. D. 1879.

M. R. HOWELL, Chairman,

H. D. PADGETT,

S. A. JACOBY,

County Board of Canvassers for the County of Colleton.

Whereupon Mr. J. R. P. Fox, the member elect, appeared at the bar, was sworn in and took his seat.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. CHILDS, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Beaufort.

Also, on

A Bill to further amend an Act to incorporate the town of Batesburg, in the County of Lexington, approved May 31st, 1877.

Also, on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C."

Also, on

A Bill to establish and charter Watts's Ferry, across Saluda River.

Also, on

A Bill to amend Section 5 of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate certain towns and villages and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted," ratified 28th January, 1860.

Also, on

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the town of Seneca City, in the County of Oconee, and to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation thereto into one Act.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on

Petition of the Baptist Home Mission Society to exempt from taxation the land upon which the Benedict Institute is situate.

The report was agreed to and the petition was ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled 'A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed,'" approved December 14, 1878, and also a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed," approved March 22, 1878.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to pay to J. J. Steele, Jr., the sum of one hundred dollars.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BEASLEY, made a report on extract from presentment of the grand jury and orders of Courts thereon.

The report was agreed to.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical Affairs, made a report on

Memorial of sundry citizens of Charleston in regard to sale of drugs and medicines.

The report was agreed to, and the memorial was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on sundry Bills to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and other officers mentioned," approved March 22, 1879.

The report was agreed to, and the Bills were ordered to be laid on the table.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys, and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs and Trial Justices herein mentioned," which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a report and reported

A Bill to incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to regulate the manner of denominating the law and equity reports of this State.

Also, on

A Bill to enable William H. Ingram, of Clarendon County, Francis T. Morgan, of Chester County, and James K. P. Goggans, of Newberry County, to apply for admission to the bar.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON, from the Colleton Delegation, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to pay Benjamin Sanders interest on a judgment against Colleton County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON, from the joint special Committee on the part of the two houses appointed under Concurrent Resolution to consider the propriety and expediency of redistricting the State into Congressional Districts, made a report and reported

A Bill to re-district the State of South Carolina into five Congressional Districts, which was read the first time and made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. BUIST moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill just passed was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 44; nays, 57.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Blakeney, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Davant, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Gantt, Gonzalez, Haltiwanger, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Johnstone, Manigault, McKissick, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Perry, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker and Wiggins.—44.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brodie, Brown, Cannon, Chase, Cherry, Childs, Clarkson, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Deal, Davis, Earle, Edens, Frederick, Fulmore, Graham, Hamer, Hane, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Seegers, Shaw, Watts and Wilson.—57.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON, for the Hampton Delegation, made a report on the report of the Building Committee of Hampton County.

The report was agreed to.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on the following claims :

Claim of T. B. Crews; also,

Claim of Charleston News and Courier; also,

Claim of J. R. Halsey; also,

Claim of John T. Gaston.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on the

Petition of J. M. Wilder; also,

Claim of Asher Palmer; also,

Claim of Dr. John Lynch; also,

Claim of B. B. Sams; also,

Petition of J. M. Wilder; also,

Claim of E. A. Bronson.

The reports were severally agreed to and the claims rejected.

Mr. DAVANT asked and obtained leave of the House to withdraw the claim of E. A. Bronson.

Mr. ELKINS asked and obtained leave of the House to withdraw the claim of Asher Palmer.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and to extend the same to a portion of Edgefield County.

The report was agreed to and the Bill laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WATTS, the Committee on Agriculture were discharged from the further consideration of the petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville on the subject of the traffic in seed cotton.

Mr. ELFE, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Mount Pleasant and Sullivan's Island Ferry Company," approved March 4, 1878, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to make and issue to the Carolina National Bank of Columbia, S. C., a certain draft or check drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been either lost or destroyed, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and House, made a report, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on

Resolution inquiring as to phosphate taxes due the State by said companies, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate returned to this House the following Bills, with amendments:

A Bill (House) to reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work on public roads in Anderson, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Greenville and Barnwell Counties;

A Bill (House) to amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act to amend Chapter XLV, Title II, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges;

A Joint Resolution (House) to authorize and require the Comptroller General to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of T. L.

Weston, ex-Treasurer of Chesterfield County, for taxes overpaid by him to the State for the year 1874 ;

A Bill (House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reimburse the County of Richland for the expenses incurred in the trial of persons tried for crimes while such persons were officers of the State," approved March 1st, 1878.

Also,

A Bill to recharter the ferry across Catawba River, between the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, to be known as Brown's Ferry, and to vest the same in William McD. Brown and Frances M. Cureton.

The amendments were severally concurred in, titles severally ordered to be changed to Acts, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate sent to this House the following :

A Bill to create a Department of Agriculture ;

A Joint Resolution to release the lien of the State upon the hall on the Washington Race Course, Charleston, to the Agricultural Society of South Carolina ;

A Bill to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to the upper part of upper township No. , Richland County ;

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to prevent fishing with nets in the fresh water streams of this State at certain seasons of the year, and to extend the same to the Counties of Richland, Chester and Clarendon,' " approved December 20, 1878, so far as it relates to the County of Chester.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also,

A Bill to renew and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the town of Hamburg, in Aiken County," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act to define the duties of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in relation to the Land Commissioner.

Also,

A Bill to repeal so much of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the register of claims against the Counties of Sumter and Marlboro and to prescribe the order of their payment," approved March 22, 1878, as relates to the County of Marlboro.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the lien of executions, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill (S. B.) to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from payment of certain taxes, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 16, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully asks leave of your honorable body to withdraw a message sent your honorable body on the 15th instant, informing your honorable body that the Senate had adopted the unfavorable report of Senate Committee on " Bill (House) to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXVIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestate estates," in order that the Senate may reconsider its action whereby said report was adopted.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Which was agreed to and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate enclosing the original message.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 17, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully requests your honorable body to attend in the Senate Chamber at 2.30 P. M. to-day to assist in the ratification of Acts.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

And a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accepting the invitation.

The Senate returned to this House,

Concurrent Resolution to go into an election for Chief Justice, with amendment.

The amendment was concurred in, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to levy and collect a special tax to pay the past due indebtedness of said County and to regulate the manner of disbursing the same.

The House refused to concur in all of the amendments and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. DARGAN moved to reconsider the vote whereby the enacting words of a Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to divorce were stricken out.

Mr. MURRAY moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 59; nays, 51.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Beard, Beaty, Bell, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Buist, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Elfe, Elkins, Gonzalez, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, J. J. Hemphill, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Mattison, Miles, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Walker, Watts and Wilson—59.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Blakeney, Blue, Bradley, Brodie, Brown, Cannon, Chase, Childs, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Davies, Davis, Earle, Edens, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Graham, Harper, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lambson, Maree, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Redfearn, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Scarboro, B. Simmons, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Trantham and Wiggins.—51.

So the House agreed to the motion.

SPECIAL ORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MORNING HOUR.

A Bill (by Committee) to authorize the opening of a canal across Charleston Neck in the County of Charleston.

Mr. CALLISON moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 10; nays, 94.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Barber, Blakeney, Bowman, Bradley, Carlisle, Clowney, Dewberry, Hemphill, E. D. Richardson and Shoemaker.—10.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Davant, Deal, Davies, Davis, Donaldson, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarborough, Seegers, Shaw, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Trantham, Walker, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—94.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill was then read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and apply the same to certain portions of Spartanburg County was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 12 O'CLOCK M.

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several incorporated towns and incorporated villages of the State, and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therein, with sundry Bills relative thereto, was discharged, and ordered to be placed at the foot of the Calendar.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill to alter and amend an Act to charter the Cheraw and Chester Railroad Company;

A Bill to provide for funding bills of the Bank of the State in consolidated bonds or stocks.

A Bill to regulate the agencies of insurance companies or associations not incorporated in the State and to better protect the holders of insurance policies therein was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill to establish a Bureau of Agriculture, Statistics and Mining in lieu of the office of Inspector of Phosphates was ordered to be laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article XI, Section 32, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to homestead exemption ;

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) (unfavorable) proposing amendment to Section 23, Title II, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to a homestead and providing that the benefits of the homestead exemption may be shared equally by all classes of citizens.

On motion, the Special Orders were discharged and the same made the Special Orders for to-morrow immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

On motion, the Special Order, a Bill to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from payment of certain taxes, was discharged and the same made the Special Order for to-morrow immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

A Bill (by Committee) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts" so far as the same relates to the Eighth Circuit, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 11.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

A Bill to provide for the investment and use of the Agricultural College fund was taken up for consideration. Pending the discussion thereon, the House attended in the Senate for the purpose of ratifying Acts, when the following Acts were ratified :

An Act to establish and charter Witt's Ferry across Saluda River.

An Act to amend an Act authorizing and requiring the County Commissioners of Lancaster and Chesterfield Counties to open a certain public road.

An Act to establish and charter Sampit Ferry, on Sampit River, in Georgetown County ;

An Act to incorporate the town of Jacksonboro ;

An Act to enable G. D. Haltiwanger and John S. Wilson to apply for admission to the bar ;

An Act to alter and amend Section 149, of Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III of the General Statutes of the State of Carolina, relative to the place of trial of civil actions ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to David H. Smith, trustee under the last will and testament of Mrs. Martha H. Pyatt, deceased, certain certificates of stock in lieu of the originals, which have been lost or destroyed ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Allard H. Belin, trustee substituted in the place of the trustees named in the will of Frances Withers, a certain certificate of State stock lost or destroyed ;

Joint Resolution instructing the Comptroller General to issue to Diana Henry a warrant for forty-one dollars and sixty-five cents, the same being amount due to Samuel McJunkin, deceased, late one of the Penitentiary Guard ;

An Act to repeal Section 4, Chapter CXX, of the General Statutes, relating to chattel mortgages and liens ;

An Act to incorporate the Charleston Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six ;

An Act further to regulate the practice of Trial Justice Courts in the city of Charleston ;

An Act to establish the Haig's Landing Road, in Orangeburg County, as a public road ;

An Act to change the name of William Jackson Newby to William Jackson Burton, and enable him and Martha Elizabeth Cooke to inherit from Jasper Newton Burton ;

An Act to determine and fix the compensation of the physician to attend on the jail in Charleston County ;

An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter CXVI, Title III, Part III, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of the Foreclosure and Redemption of Mortgages ;"

An Act to enable Martha Vaughan, of Edgefield County, to inherit from Elizabeth Vaughan ;

An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the several school districts of Lexington County ;

An Act to amend and extend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue four per cent. coupon bonds for the purpose of taking up and retiring the stock of the said city ;

An Act to change the name of Josephine Thomas and to enable her to inherit from Samuel R. Thomas ;

An Act to regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of this State;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the better organization of the Fourteenth Brigade South Carolina Volunteer Troops ;"

An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad Company.

All the Acts and Joint Resolutions ready for ratification having been duly ratified in the presence of both houses, the President *pro tem.* of the Senate announced the Joint Assembly dissolved, and the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives retired.

The House returned to the Hall.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the House took a recess from 3 o'clock until 7.30 this evening.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to make certain changes in the voting precincts of the Counties therein named, which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to provide artificial legs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865.

A Bill to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem, mileage and stationery certificates of the members of the General Assembly, the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof, and for other objects herein named.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Also,

A Bill for the better protection of migratory fish.

Mr. WALKER, moved to recommit the Bill ; and the question being put, " Will the House agree thereto ?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 51 ; nays, 34.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Bell, Bowen, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Caunon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Clements, Clowney, Cummings, Deal, Davies, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Elfe, Elkins, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Kennedy, Leaphart, Manigault, Mattison, Miles, Minus, Muller, Murray, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, J. Simons, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker and Wiggins.—51.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Blakeney, Blue, Brice, Brown, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Edens, Fulmore, Graham, Hamer, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Rodgers, Shaw, Sojourner, Suber, Watts and Wilson.—34.

So the House agreed to the motion to recommit.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to alter and amend the charter of the city of Greenville ;

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to regulate the election of Intendant and Wardens of the town of Walterboro, S. C. ;

A Bill (favorable, with amendment,) in relation to the Church Home incorporated by Act of the General Assembly passed on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1852, and to confirm the acts of the Council of the same ;

A Bill (favorable, with amendment,) to incorporate the town of Hampton C. H. ;

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to incorporate Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Charleston ;

A Bill (favorable) to authorize Claus Koeper to build a wharf, &c., &c., in Charleston County ;

A Bill (favorable, with amendment,) to alter and amend the charter of the town of Rock Hill ;

A Bill (favorable, with amendment,) to renew and amend the charter of the town of Edgefield.

The following Bill was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow :

A Bill [S. B.] to amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

The following Bills were read the third time, titles changed to Acts and ordered to be enrolled for ratification :

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) (favorable) to authorize the State Treasurer to pay checks issued by the Clerks of the two houses in lieu of all stationery and postage for the regular session of 1879;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to accelerate the proceedings in actions for partition," being an Act No. 636, approved 23d December, 1878.

A Bill providing for a Master each for Beaufort and Oconee Counties and making provision for cases in the hands of Referees was read the third time, passed and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments.

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Horry County to pay out certain funds in the treasury of said County was read the third time, passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate with amendments.

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable, with amendments,) renouncing, releasing and relinquishing a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Legislature of South Carolina under the will of John Blair was read the second time, title changed so as to read

A Bill renouncing, releasing and relinquishing the trust contained in a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Legislature of South Carolina under the will of John Blair and of Mrs. Nancy Blair, his wife.

The Bill was then ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Joint Resolution (by Committee) to provide for the assessment of real and personal property for the purpose of taxation was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

A Bill (unfavorable) to amend the law in relation to intoxicating liquors and to regulate the sale thereof in Laurens County.

Mr. SIMONTON moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill, and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested, and are as follows:

Yeas, 34; nays, 60.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, J. C. Anderson, Beasley, Bell, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Deal, Eason, Ficken, Frederick, Gonzalez, Haltiwanger, Hane, Leaphart, Maree, Miles, Moody, Muller, Richards, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Suber, Trantham, Walker and Wiggins.—34.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Brown, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummins, Dargan, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Fox, Gantt, Gra-

ham, Hamer, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lambson, Lawton, Manigault, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Murray, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Watts, Westberry and Wilson.—60.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

A Bill (favorable) to amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston, was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (by Committee) further to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act supplementary to Chapter XV, Title IV, Part I, of the General Statutes of South Carolina,' approved March 22, 1878.

The Bill was read the second time.

Mr. MURRAY moved to strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. CALLISON called the previous question, which was sustained, and the main question ordered, and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 38 ; nays, 58.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Bowen, Brice, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Edens, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Leaphart, Massey, McNeel, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Muller, Murray, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Skipper, Stephenson, Trautham, Watts and Wilson.—38.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowman, Britton, Brodie, Cannon, Chase, Clements, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Dorroh, Eason, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Gailard, Gonzalez, Graham, Hane, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lawton, Manigault, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Walker and Wiggins.—58.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the Bill was ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the Bill was taken up from the table.

Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND moved to amend the Bill in Section 1 by striking out "ten thousand" and inserting "five thousand," and the

question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 61 ; nays, 36.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Brown, Buist, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Edens, Fox, Fulmore, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Keller, Lambson, Lawton, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Muller, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Simonton, Skipper, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Watts and Wilson.—61.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Beasley, Bell, Brodie, Cannon, Chase, Dargan, Davant, Davies, Eason, Eckhard, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Hane, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Kennedy, Manigault, Maree, J. A. Miller, Morrison, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, J. Simons, Smalls, Sojourner and Walker.—36.

So the House agreed to the motion.

The Bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Senate sent to this House, with amendments,

Bill (House) to prohibit the running of freight trains and to regulate the running of passenger and mail trains on Sunday ;

Bill (House) to establish and charter Higgins and Banta's Ferry, at Star Bluff, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County.

The amendments were severally concurred in, titles severally changed to Acts and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Mr. FOX introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to :

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. W. G. Smith, late a member of this House from Colleton County, that the State has lost a good and useful man, the General Assembly a worthy member and Colleton County an honest representative.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON moved, as a further token of respect, that the House now adjourn, which was agreed to, and the House adjourned at 10:40 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. CALLISON, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. BUIST introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

Resolved, That R. W. Butler be paid twenty-five dollars out of the contingent fund of the House for extra services rendered the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Bill Clerk.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to repeal so much of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the register of claims against the Counties of Sumter and Marlboro and to prescribe the order of their payment," approved March 22, 1878, as relates to the County of Marlboro, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Charleston Delegation, made an unfavorable report on

Petition from Charleston County in the matter of the fence law, and another petition thereto. The report was agreed to and the petition was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. HAMER, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Marion County to lay out a public highway in said County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to alter and amend the law in relation to the lien of executions, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to prevent fishing with nets in the fresh water streams of this

State at certain seasons of the year, and to extend the same to the Counties of Richland, Chester and Clarendon," approved December 20th, 1878, so far as relates to Charleston, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, on

A Bill (S. B.) to create a department of agriculture, which was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. DEWBERRY, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter XLV of the General Statutes, relative to persons liable to work on public highways and roads, so far as the same may relate to the Counties of Spartanburg, Chesterfield and Abbeville," approved June 8, 1877, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to release the lien of the State upon the hall on the Washington Race Course, Charleston, to the Agricultural Society of South Carolina, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. A. MILLER, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to authorize Walker J. Brookes and other persons to construct gates across a public road, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to renew the charter of Stoney Bluff Ferry, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort;"

A Bill to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Aiken County to levy a special tax and to build a court house and remove the jail at the County seat of said County;

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Cheraw and Chester Railroad Company," approved February 27, 1873;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer of Horry County to reimburse Josiah Cox, School Commissioner for said County, thirty-nine dollars out of the school fund of said County, money paid by said Cox for enumeration of school children;

A Bill to incorporate the Greenville Merchants' and Cotton Exchange;

A Bill to conform the charters of all corporations incorporated by general or special Acts to the provisions of the Constitution of this State.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to collections;"

A Bill to amend Act No. 413, approved March 12th, 1878, entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and compensation of Trial Justices and Constables in the County of Barnwell;"

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Williamsburg Railroad Company;'"

A Bill to change the name of Joseph P. Graham to Joseph P. Martin, and to permit him to inherit from Thomas H. Martin and Matilda, or either of them, if they or either of them die intestate;

A Bill to provide for the payment of the Board of Examiners for Kershaw County for services rendered in the investigation of the past school indebtedness of said County and for other purposes;

A Joint Resolution to relieve D. L. DeSaussure, late County Treasurer of Kershaw County, from certain liabilities against him for the years 1868 and 1869.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston;

A Bill to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Kershaw County to dispose of Wateree free bridge and for other purposes therein mentioned;

A Bill for the protection of truck farmers in the vicinity of Charleston, South Carolina.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock," and to make the same apply to Spartanburg County and a portion of the County of Oconee.

Which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills and Joint Resolutions as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C.,"

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the town of Marion and for other purposes therein mentioned,'" approved March 13, 1872 ;

A Bill to establish and charter the Charleston and Cainhoj Ferry Company ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer of Union County to apply the two mills school tax and poll tax collected for the fiscal year 1877 and turned over to him by his successor for the payment of the past due school claims of said County ;

A Joint Resolution to relieve J. W. Gilreath as lessee of the Saluda Gap turnpike road, in Greenville County.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to incorporate the town of Blythewood, in the County of Fairfield.

Which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following Bills as properly enrolled for ratification :

An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Spartanburg and Augusta Railroad Company ;"

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within the State," approved March 18, 1878, so far as it refers to the Counties of Georgetown and Richland ;

An Act to incorporate the Presbytery of Enoree of the Presbyterian Church in the United States ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties, and to establish in their stead the office of Master ;"

An Act in reference to the past indebtedness of Sumter County ;

A Joint Resolution to pay the widow and daughter of the late General R. H. Anderson the balance of the salary he would have been entitled to as Phosphate Agent for one year had he survived for that length of time ;

An Act to amend Section 4, Chapter CIV, of the General Statutes, in relation to the time within which Justices of the Supreme Court may qualify ;

An Act to amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXII, Part III, of the General Statutes, relative to claim and delivery of personal property ;

An Act to protect the rights of creditors of joint stock companies and to regulate the same ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of the past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Marion, Newberry, Georgetown, Charleston, Richland and Aiken Counties," approved December 23, 1878.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 18, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists upon its amendments to Bill from your honorable body to authorize the County Commiseioners of Edgefield County to levy and collect a special tax to pay the past due indebtedness of said County, and to regulate the manner of disbursing the same, and asks that a Committee of conference be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. Callison, Allen and Murray, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to provide for the investment and use of the Agricultural College fund, the debate on which was interrupted by the House attending in the Senate Chamber for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

Mr. BARBER called the previous question on the motion, which was sustained; and the question being put, " Will the House agree to the motion?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 51 ; nays, 87.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Childs, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummings, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Fox, Haltiwanger, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Lambson, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson and Trantham.—51.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Beasley, Britton, Cannon, Clements, Deal, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Frederick, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Hamer, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lawton, Maree, Miles, Rutledge, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Walker and Wiggins.—37.

Mr. MURRAY moved to reconsider the motion by which the House agreed to strike out the enacting words of the Bill and moved to lay that motion on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree to lay the motion on the table?" it was decided in the negative. Yeas, 51; nays, 56.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, Cherry, Childs, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Cummings, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Fox, Haltiwanger, Hamer, R. R. Hemphill, Lambson, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, B. Simmons, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—51.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Britton, Buist, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Clements, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Deal, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Gannett, Gonzalez, Graham, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lawton, Manigault, Miles, Perry, W. B. Rice, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Suber, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—56.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL, a call of the House was ordered, and, pending the call,

Mr. CALLISON moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which motion was agreed to.

Mr. MURRAY moved to lay the Bill on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 48; nays, 52.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowen, Bradley, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, Childs, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Cummings, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Fox, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Lambson, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, Richards, Shaw, B. Simmons, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—48.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Cooke, Dargan, Davant, Davies, Earle, Eason, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Graham, J. J. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johustone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Miles, T. E. Miller, Perry, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Suber, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—52.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

Mr. moved that the enacting words of the Bill be stricken out; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 54; nays, 55.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, Cherry, Childs, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Cummings, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Fox, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Lambson, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, B. Simmons, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—54.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Britton, Buist, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Davies, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham,

Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Miles, T. E. Miller, Perry, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Suber, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—55.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

Mr. DAVANT asked and obtained leave to record the vote he would have given if present on the foregoing vote; and Mr. Walker being called answered "No."

The question being put, "Shall the Bill, having been read the second time, be ordered to a third reading?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 62; nays, 54.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowman, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Clements, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Davant, Deal, Davies, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Hane, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Miles, T. E. Miller, Perry, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—62.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, Cherry, Childs, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Cummings, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Fox, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Lambson, Leaphart, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, B. Simmons, Skipper, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—54.

So the Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The following was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification:

A Bill (S. B.) to amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

A Bill renouncing, releasing and relinquishing a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Legislature of South Carolina under the will of John Blair was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments.

A Bill (S. B.) to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from the payment of certain taxes was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill to alter and amend the laws relating to the city of Charleston was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article XI, Section 32, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to homestead exemption, was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) (unfavorable) proposing amendment to Section 23, Title II, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to a homestead and providing that the benefits of the homestead exemption may be shared equally by all classes of citizens was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

A Bill (No. 337) to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company of certain taxes was ordered to be laid on the table, and the Senate Bill (No. 474) to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company of certain taxes was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means upon a resolution inquiring as to phosphate taxes due the State by said companies was taken up for consideration; and the question being put, "Will the House agree to the Concurrent Resolution reported by the Committee?" which is as follows:

"Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Comptroller General be, and he is hereby, instructed to suspend all proceedings for the collection of the arrears of State and County taxes upon such proceeds of mines and mining claims until the next session of the General Assembly,"

It passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 68; nays, 35.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Bacon, Beard, Beasley, Blue, Bowen, Brown, Buist, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Childs, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Dewberry, Earle, Edens, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Hammer, Hane, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johustone, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, T. E. Miller, Muller, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarborough, Seegers, Shaw, B. Simmons, Simonton, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—68.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, Austin, Barber, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Callison, Clowney, Cummings, Davis, Donaldson, Eason, Eckhard, Fox, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Keller, Massey, Mattison, Moody, Morrison, Murray, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—38.

So the House agreed to the resolution, and it was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The preamble was then agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Joint Resolution relative to calling a Constitutional Convention was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to redistrict the State of South Carolina into five Congressional Districts was taken up for consideration.

Mr. MURRAY moved to indefinitely postpone the Bill ; and the question being put, " Will the House agree thereto ? " it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 55 ; nays, 40.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Allen, Austin, Bacon, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Britton, Buist, Carlisle, Childs, Clements, Cooke, Deal, Dewberry, Donaldson, Eason, Elfe, Ficken, Fox, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Haskell, W. Henderson, Johnstone, Keller, Lachicotte, Lambson, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, T. E. Miller, Morrison, Murray, Perry, W. B. Rice, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Westberry and Wilson.—55.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, Beard, Blakeney, Blue, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Cannon, Cassidy, Cherry, Clowney, Davies, Davis, Earle, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Frederick, Gaillard, Hamer, Hane, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Kennedy, Leaphart, J. S. Miller, Moody, Muller, Redfearn, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Scarboro, Stephenson, Trantham and Watts.—40.

So the House agreed to the motion, and the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. WALKER asked to record the vote he would have given had he been present when the Bill was indefinitely postponed, and that he would have voted "yea."

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Joint Resolution to provide for a Commission to revise and amend the laws in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes and codify the same was taken up for consideration.

Mr. CHILDS moved to strike out the resolving words of the Joint Resolution.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL called the previous question, which was sustained and the main question ordered; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 52; nays, 41.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. A. P. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Bowen, Brice, Britton, Brown, Carlisle, Cassidy, Childs, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Earle, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Graham, Hamer, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lawton, Leaphart, Mattison, McNeel, J. A. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Scarboro, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham, Westberry and Wilson.—52.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, J. C. Anderson, Bacon, Beasley, Blue, Callison, Cannon, Chase, J. B. Cleveland, Cummings, Davies, Eason, Ficken, Fox, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Hane, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Manigault, Maree, McKissick, J. S. Miller, Perry, Redfearn, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Watts and Wiggins.—41.

So the House agreed to the motion.

A Bill to provide for the assessment of real and personal property for the purpose of taxation was ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, the House took a recess from 3:15 P. M. to 7:30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. I. M. HUTSON, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to provide for the payment of past due school claims for Barnwell County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act to define the duties of the Sinking Fund Commissioners in relation to the lands purchased by the Land Commission, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to direct County Treasurers to pay to County Auditors twenty-five per cent. upon the assessing funds in their several Counties for the years 1878 and 1879, as compensation for extra services performed by them or their assistants in the years 1878 and 1879.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their respective Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same," to the upper part of the upper township of Richland County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. BUIST, the Committee of Ways and Means was discharged from the further consideration of a Bill to provide for the drainage of lands through adjacent lands, and to compensate for damages to such adjacent lands, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LEAPHART presented the
Claims of Samuel T. Lorick; also,
Claims of J. D. McLucas,

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. GAILLARD introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was referred to the Military Committee:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Board of Visitors of the South Carolina Military Academy be instructed and empowered to take such steps as they in their judgment may deem best to recover from the United States government possession of the Citadel buildings in Charleston, with or without compensation for rent; and if in their judgment becomes necessary, that the said Board of Visitors be authorized to employ counsel to prosecute the claim for rent for its use and occupation, and damages for the injury to said building by fire while in the possession of the government of the United States; the services of such counsel to be paid for out of any money recovered.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL presented the report of the County Commissioners of Chester County for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1879, which was referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

Mr. ALDRICH introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

It being apprehended by some of the members of this House that the conveyance of the Columbia canal property would include the State quarries near the Penitentiary, and that, if said conveyance is made, it will be out of the power of the State to enter into the contract proposed in the Charleston Canal Bill ; therefore,

Be it resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into and report to this House, whether the conveyance authorized by the Columbia Canal Bill includes the State quarries near the Penitentiary.

Mr. BUIST introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the State Printers be authorized and directed to print two hundred (200) additional copies of the eleventh annual report of the State Superintendent of Education, for the use of the General Assembly.

The Senate sent to this House

A Bill (S. B.) to authorize and empower the County Commissioners for Greenville County to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of said County ;

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Edgefield Branch Railroad Company, and to authorize the Town Council of Edgefield to issue bonds to aid in the construction of the same," and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act respecting the filling of vacancies in County offices," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on County Offices and Officers.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence law and to provide for effectuating the same,'" approved December, 1878, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg County to apply back taxes to the payment of past due

school claims, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

A Bill (S. B.) to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation to County Commissioners, their powers and duties, into one Act, and to amend the same," approved April 13, 1875, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) for the relief of E. E. Dickson, ex-County Treasurer of Clarendon County, and the sureties on his official bond, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Claim of A. S. Todd ; also,

Claim of Noah Huffman ; also,

Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to employ additional aid in the engrossing department.

The Senate sent to this House the following Concurrent Resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee :

Whereas the Hon. M. P. O'Connor, Representative in the Congress of the United States from this State, has introduced a Bill looking to the relief of real estate in the United States from discrimination against that species of property under the financial system of the Federal government,

1st. *Be it resolved* by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That it is the sense of this General Assembly that the proposition to authorize the National Banks to make loans upon mortgages upon real estate to the extent of twenty-five per cent. of their capital and supplies will greatly relieve the agricultural interest in this State and the entire country, and infuse new life and vigor into manufactures, commerce and every other material interest.

2d. That we would be glad to see the efforts of Mr. O'Connor seconded by the entire South Carolina representation in the Congress of the United States.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 18, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has appointed Messrs. Siegling and Gary as Committee on the part of the Senate to adjust differences between the two houses on Bill (House) to authorize the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to levy and col-

lect a special tax to pay the past due indebtedness of said County, and to regulate the disbursing of the same.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 18, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in the amendments of your honorable body to Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Horry County to pay out certain funds in the treasury of said County, and that it has been ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 18, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it refuses to concur in the amendments of your honorable body to Bill providing for a Master each for Edgefield and Colleton Counties, and making provision for cases in the hands of Referees.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate insisting on its amendment, and asking the appointment of a Committee of conference, and has appointed Messrs. Simonton, C. G. Henderson and Haskell a Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. WALKER introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in the Congress of the United States be, and they are hereby, requested, to urge Congress to take such measures as may be expedient to inquire into the practicability of diverting the waters of the Santee River into Charleston harbor through Wando River or Cooper River, so as to deepen the bar to Charleston harbor by increasing the volume of water passing through "the jetties," and so as to more fully open Santee River to navigation.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 11.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, December 18, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly :

I have this day approved the following Acts :

An Act to establish Watt's Ferry across Saluda River ;

An Act to amend an Act authorizing and requiring the County Commissioners of Lancaster and Chesterfield Counties to open a certain public road ;

An Act to establish and charter Sampit Ferry, on Sampit River, in Georgetown County ;

An Act to incorporate the town of Jacksonboro ;

An Act to enable G. D. Haltiwanger and John S. Wilson to apply for admission to the bar ;

An Act to alter and amend Section 149 of Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes of the State of South Carolina, relative to the place of trial of civil actions ;

An Act to repeal Section 4, Chapter CXX, of the General Statutes, relating to chattel mortgages and liens ;

An Act to incorporate the Charleston Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

An Act further to regulate the practice of Trial Justice Courts in the city of Charleston ;

An Act to establish the Haig's Landing road, in Orangeburg County, as a public road ;

An Act to change the name of William Jackson Newby to William Jackson Burton, and enable him and Martha Elizabeth Cooke to inherit from Jasper Newton Burton ;

An Act to determine and fix the compensation of the physician to attend on the jail in Charleston County ;

An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter CXVI, Title III, Part III, of the General Statutes, entitled " Of the Foreclosure and Redemption of Mortgages ;"

An Act to enable Martha Vaughn, of Edgefield County, to inherit from Elizabeth Vaughn ;

An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the several school districts of Lexington County ;

An Act to amend and extend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue four per cent. coupon bonds for the purpose of taking up and retiring the stock of the said city ;

An Act to change the name of Josephine Thomas and to enable her to inherit from Samuel R. Thomas;

An Act to regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of this State:

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the better organization of the Fourth Brigade, South Carolina Volunteer Troops;"

An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad Company.

Very respectfully,

W. D. SIMPSON.
Governor.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Assembly at 8 o'clock in the hall of the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that the Joint Assembly had convened for the purpose of electing a Chief Justice to fill the vacancy to be caused by the expiration of the term of office now filled by Chief Justice Willard.

The Concurrent Resolution under which the Joint Assembly convened was read.

The PRESIDENT of the Senate announced that nominations were in order.

Mr. WYLIE nominated W. D. Simpson, Esq.

Mr. SIMONTON seconded the nomination.

The Clerk called the roll of the Senate.

The following Senators voted for W. D. Simpson, Esq.:

Hon. T. B. Jeter, President *pro tem.*, and Messrs. Benbow, Bossard, Bradley, Butler, S. D. M. Byrd, Cannon, Coker, Crayton, Crittenden, Fishburne, Gary, Howard, Kinsler, Lipscomb, Livingston, Maxwell, McCall, McQueen, Moore, Patterson, Siegling, Todd, Walker, Williams, Witherspoon and Wylie.

The Clerk called the roll of the House of Representatives.

The following members of the House voted for W. D. Simpson, Esq.:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Childs, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Elkins, Ficken, Fox, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Law-

ton, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simons, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantam, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number of votes given by Senators.....	27
Total number of votes given by members of the House of Representatives	104
Grand total.....	131

W. D. Simpson, Esq., received 104 votes.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT *pro tem.* of the Senate announced that W. D. Simpson, Esq., was unanimously elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of South Carolina.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 12.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, December 18, 1879.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I herewith return without my approval an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six," which originated in the House.

Section 21, Article II, of the Constitution, provides that "no Bill shall have the force of law until it shall have been read three times, and on three several days, in each house," &c., &c.

This Bill, as appears from the endorsements on the original, seems to have been read but once in the House, and there is no evidence that it has ever been considered by the Senate. It must have been ratified by mistake.

Very respectfully,

W. D. SIMPSON,
Governor.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the Act was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Acts.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879.

Which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. MULLER moved to reconsider the vote whereby a Bill to amend Section 89 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts providing for the assessment and taxation of property into one Act and to amend the same," approved March 19, 1874, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 59; nays, 35.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Bell, Bowen, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Callison, Cassidy, Cherry, Cooke, Cummings, Davies, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Elfe, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lachicotte, Manigault, Massey, McNeel, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Murray, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Trantham, Walker, Westberry and Wilson.—59.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Bacon, Barber, Blue, Brown, Buist, Carlisle, Childs, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Deal, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, Johustone, Leaphart, Maree, McKissick, Moody, Muller, Perry, Richards, Rutledge, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Stephenson, Suber and Watts.—35.

So the House agreed to the motion to reconsider.

The Bill was then ordered for a third reading.

Mr. DONALDSON moved to lay the motion whereby the Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to reconsider and to lay the motion to reconsider on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 60; nays, 36.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Bell, Bowen, Brice, Britton, Callison, Cassidy, Cherry, Cummings, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Elfe, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Keller,

Lachicotte, Manigault, Massey, McNeel, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Murray, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Trantham, Walker, Wiggins and Wilson.—60.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Bacon, Barber, Blue, Brown, Buist, Carlisle, Chase, Childs, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Deal, Davies, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Gonzalez, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, Johnstone, Leaphart, Maree, McKissick, Moody, Muller, Rutledge, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Stephenson, Suber and Watts.—36.

So the House agreed to the motion.

- Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to regulate the election of Intendant and Wardens of the town of Walterboro, S. C.

Which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to incorporate Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Charleston.

Which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. JOHNSTON Moved that the House do now adjourn; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 36; nays, 41.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Bacon, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Brodie, Carlisle, J. B. Cleveland, Davies, Davis, Eason, Eckhard, Elkins, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Haltiwanger, W. Henderson, Humbert, Johnstone, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, J. S. Miller, Moody, Redfearn, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shaw, B. Simmons, Skipper, Smalls and Trantham.—36.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Brice, Brown, Callison, Cannon, Chase, Clements, Clowney, Deal, Dewberry, Edens, Elfe, Ficken, Graham, Haue, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lachicotte, Manigault, Miles, Minus, Morrison, Murray,

J. H. Rice, J. Simons, Simonton, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Walker and Wiggins.—41.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

On motion of Mr. EDENS, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hamer for two days.

A Bill to incorporate the Williston Baptist Church, in Barnwell County, was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Chester Manufacturing Company was laid on the table.

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Chester Manufacturing Company was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill (favorable) to authorize and require the State Treasurer to fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds or stocks was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading ;

A Bill (favorable) to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Magnolia, in Sumter County ;"

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Westminster, in the County of Oconee," approved March 17, 1875 ;

A Bill (substitute by Committee) to incorporate the Williston Baptist Church, in Barnwell County ;

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Mount Dearborn Manufacturing Company ;

A Bill (favorable) to renew the charter of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company ;

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Cedar Shoals Manufacturing Company, of Chester, South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. BLUE, the House was adjourned at 11 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. CALLISON, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, Resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. LEAPHART presented the claim of William Johnson for rebate of taxes, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. BRITTON presented the claim of Edwin Parker, M. D., which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. MULLER presented the accounts of the Sergeant-at-Arms, which were referred to the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following Acts as properly enrolled and ready for ratification :

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Allard H. Belin, trustee substituted in the place of the trustees named in the will of Francis Withers, a certain certificate of State stock lost or destroyed ;

A Joint Resolution instructing the Comptroller General to issue to Diana Henry a warrant for forty-one dollars and sixty-five cents, the same being amount due to Samuel McJunkin, deceased, late one of the Penitentiary guard ;

An Act to repeal Section 4, Chapter CXX, of the General Statutes, relating to chattel mortgages and liens ;

An Act to incorporate the Charleston Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six ;"

An Act further to regulate the practice of Trial Justice Courts in the city of Charleston ;

An Act to establish the Haig's Landing road, in Orangeburg County, as a public road.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on

A Joint Resolution instructing the Treasurer to issue deficiency bonds to Mrs. M. E. Wagener, executrix of General John A. Wagener, de-

ceased, for moneys paid and salary due to him as Commissioner of Immigration.

Also, on

Petition of Dennis O'Neil to be repaid two hundred dollars due him by the State.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, on

A petition of Rutledge & Young, attorneys, praying that the State Treasurer be authorized to fund the interest accrued upon certain bonds heretofore authorized to be consolidated.

Also, on

A petition of Alexander H. Chisolm praying that the State Treasurer be authorized to fund the interest accrued upon certain bonds heretofore authorized to be consolidated.

The reports were agreed to and the petitions severally ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide for a public guardian of the estates of minors, idiots and lunatics, and to define the powers and duties of such guardian, and to fix his liabilities.

Also, on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) for the relief of E. E. Dickson, ex-County Treasurer of Clarendon County, and the sureties of his official bond.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CHILDS, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the town of Newberry in Aiken County," which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made a report on

A Bill to provide for registration of the electors of this State in conformity with Article VIII, Section 3, of the State Constitution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. CHILDS, the Committee on Incorporations was discharged from the further consideration of petition of sundry citizens praying against the incorporation of the town of Cartersville, and the same was referred to the Darlington Delegation.

Mr. BEARD presented the petition of sundry citizens of Oconee County asking repeal of an Act granting a pension to Abel Robbins, of said County, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 13.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

COLUMBIA, December 19, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly :

I have this day approved the following Joint Resolutions :

Joint Resolution instructing the Comptroller General to issue to Diana Henry a warrant for forty-one (41.65) dollars, the same being amount due to Samuel McJunkin, deceased, late one of the Penitentiary guard ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Allard H. Belin, trustee substituted in the place of the trustees named in the will of Francis Withers, a certain certificate of State stock lost or destroyed ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to David H. Smith, trustee under the last will and testament of Mrs. Martha H. Pyatt, deceased, certain certificates of State stock in lieu of the originals, which have been lost or destroyed.

Very respectfully, &c.,

W. D. SIMPSON,

Governor.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six," which was read the first time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Also,

A Bill to provide for the investment and use of the Agricultural College fund.

The Bill was read the second time.

Mr. MOODY moved to recommit the Bill ; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 43 ; nays, 58.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Allen, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Blakeney, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, Cummings, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Fox, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Lambson, Leaphart, Mattison, McNeel, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shaw, B. Simmons, Skipper, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—43.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Bacon, Barron, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowman, Brodie, Buist, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Clements, Clowney, Cooke, Deal, Davies, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Frederick, Fulmore, Gailard, Gantt, Graham, Hane, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Lachicotte, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, T. E. Miller, Perry, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Watts and Wiggins.—58.

So the House refused to agree to the motion to reconsider, and the Bill was passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The Committee on Enrolled Acts, to whom was referred a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six," which had been returned to the House by the Governor without his approval, beg leave to report: That the Bill was read twice in the House and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; that the Bill was sent to the office of the Secretary of State and was there enrolled as an *Act* instead of being engrossed as a *Bill*, as ordered by the House; that the Bill being returned to the House as an Act was sent to this Committee instead of going to the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as it would have done if it had been engrossed.

The Committee recommend that it be engrossed and put upon its passage.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. J. HEMPHILL, Chairman Committee.

The following messages were received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 18, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in the amendments of your honorable body to Bill renouncing, releasing and relinquishing a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Legislature of South Carolina under the will of John Blair, and that it has been ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 18, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has adopted an unfavorable report of Senate Committee on report of House Committee on Claims on claim of Jesse E. Dent for \$45, rejecting the claim.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

A Concurrent Resolution to print additional copies of the report of the Superintendent of Education.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill (House) to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Chester County to transfer certain shares of stock of the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad Company to the Boards of School Trustees of Chester County.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Bill (House) to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

A Joint Resolution to authorize the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

A Joint Resolution to relieve Adam R. Metts, of Lexington County, of legal disabilities was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to reissue to H. D. Lesesne a new certificate of stock in lieu of one lost or destroyed was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Liberty, in the County of Pickens," approved March 2, 1876, was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

A Joint Resolution to allow the citizens of Middleton township, in Sumter County, the benefit of the fence laws was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in America ;

A Bill to vest in James T. Todd the right to open Brown's Swamp, in Horry County, for navigation of logs, timber and timber flats ;

A Bill to authorize the appointment of additional Trial Justices for the Counties herein named ;

A Bill to fix the time for advertising personal property before sale ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Comptroller General to make abatements of taxes," approved 1874 ;

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the town of Rock Hill ;

A Bill to amend the law in relation to intoxicating liquors and regulate the sale thereof in Laurens County.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds or stocks, which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following Acts as properly enrolled and ready for ratification :

An Act to declare public a certain road in Orangeburg County ;

An Act to reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work on the public roads in Anderson, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Greenville, Barnwell, Colleton, Lancaster and Kershaw Counties ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Colleton County to levy an additional tax of one mill for building bridges of twenty feet span and over said size ;

An Act to establish and charter Higgins and Banta's Ferry, at Star Bluff, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County ;

An Act to require the County Treasurers of the respective Counties of this State to attend at certain places for the collection of taxes ;

An Act to prohibit the running of freight trains and to regulate the running of passenger and mail trains on Sunday ;

An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the Comptroller General to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of T. L. Weston, ex-Treasurer of Chesterfield County, for taxes overpaid by him to the State for the year 1874 ;

An Act to recharter a ferry across Catawba River, between the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, to be known as Brown's Ferry, and to vest the same in Wm. McD. Brown and Francis W. Cureton ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Georgetown County to pay the past indebtedness of said County for the fiscal year 1878 out of surplus funds now on hand ;

An Act to authorize the formation of an independent battalion on James Island, John's Island, Wadmalaw Island and Edisto Island, to form a part of the Volunteer Troops of South Carolina ;

An Act to organize the office of the Coroner of Charleston County and to fix the pay and expenses thereof ;

An Act to amend Section 250, Chapter IV, Title VII, Part II, of the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of attachments ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Georgetown, Greenville, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston," approved December 24, 1878 ;

An Act to fix the time for legislative enactments to take effect ;

An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding due school claims in Oconee County ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to remedy and supply the loss of public records and to perpetuate testimony in regard to deeds, mortgages, settlements and other papers lost by fire at Abbeville," approved February 27, 1873 ;

An Act to amend Part I, Title I, Chapter XXX, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the disposition of the books of a Trial Justice's office that has become vacant.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

A Bill to establish a Department of Agriculture, Mining, Manufactures and Immigration was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to create a Department of Agriculture was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

A Bill to alter and amend the laws relating to the city of Charleston was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Bill to relieve the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from the payment of certain taxes was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter and amend the fence law, &c., and to

provide for effectuating the same," so far as relates to Spartanburg, was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill (favorable) to grant aid to the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (favorable) to provide for the hearing of motions to set aside verdicts and for new trials in the Courts of Common Pleas.

The enacting words were stricken out.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

A Bill to authorize and require the State Treasurer to fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds or stocks was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Concurrent Resolution for the appointment of a joint Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the State was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Joint Resolution (unfavorable) proposing an amendment to the Constitution respecting the dimensions of Counties ;

A Bill (unfavorable) to authorize the Governor to issue his proclamation for the call of a Convention to create a new State Constitution ;

A Bill (unfavorable) to amend Section 19, Chapter CXXIX, of the General Statutes by striking out the words "and maliciously," in the first line of the said Section, and in other particulars.

The reports were severally agreed to, and the Bills ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate the House of Rest Charity was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company, of Chester, South Carolina ;

A Bill (favorable) to revive and renew the charter of the Marion Academy Society ;

A Bill (favorable) to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to convey certain interests of the State in a part of the canal on Catawba River ;

A Bill (favorable) to declare the law in relation to liens upon real estate ;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize the levy of a special tax in the County of Kershaw ;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) for the relief of William Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court for the County of Aiken, South Carolina;

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a new judicial and election County from a portion of the County of Beaufort, to be known as Hampton County."

On motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, the House took a recess from 2:45 P. M. until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of the several Counties a proposition on the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same," which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CARLISLE, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg County to apply back taxes to the payment of past due school claims, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Joint Resolution to relieve Adam R. Metts from legal disabilities, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LAMBSON, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to regulate the classification of cotton in bales by railroads and other common carriers within this State, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. H. RICE, from the special Committee of one from each Congressional District to consider the report of A. P. Butler, Fish Commissioner, which was ordered to be printed in the Reports and Resolutions.

Mr. ELKINS presented the claim of Calvo & Patton, which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Judiciary Committee, made a report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) proposing an amendment to Section 32, Article II, of the Constitution, respecting the homestead exemption.

The report was agreed to, the Bill read the second time, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Edgefield;

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the city of Greenville.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the number and pay of Trial Justices in Greenville County," approved December 20, 1878;

A Bill to authorize Claus Koeper to construct a wharf in Charleston County;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts" so far as the same relates to the Eighth Circuit;

A Bill in relation to the Church Home incorporated by Act of the General Assembly, passed 16th day of December, Anno Domini 1852, and to confirm the acts of the Council of the same;

A Bill to repeal all Acts permitting the erection of gates across the public road leading from the Charleston and Camden road to Middleton Depot, in Sumter County;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act supplementary to Chapter XV, Title IV, Part I, of the General Statutes of South Carolina,'" approved March 22, 1878;

A Bill to incorporate the Mount Dearborn Manufacturing Company.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to incorporate the Chester Cotton Manufacturing Company.

Which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. CALLISON, from the Committee of conference, made the following report:

The Committee of conference appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on "A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to levy and collect a special tax to pay the past due indebtedness of said County and to regulate the manner of disbursing the same," beg leave to report that they have had the matters presented in the Bill and amendments thereto under consideration and make the following recommendations thereon:

1. That the House concur in the amendment of the Senate to the preamble of the Bill.

2. That the House furthermore concur in the amendment made by the Senate whereby the words "twelve thousand four hundred and twenty-seven dollars and eighteen cents" were stricken out and the words "eighteen thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars and twenty-six cents" were inserted.

3. That the House further concur in the amendment made by the Senate whereby the figures "1878" were stricken out and "1879" inserted.

4. That the House further concur in the amendment made by the Senate whereby the proviso was added to Section 1.

5. The Committee further recommend that the words "*pro rata*" be stricken out, and insert after the words "said ascertained past indebtedness" the words "as provided for in Sections 2 and 3 of this Act."

The Committee further recommend that the words "one mill" be stricken out and the words "one-half mill" be inserted in lieu thereof.

The Committee recommend that the following be inserted as Sections 2 and 3 of the Bill, to wit:

"SEC. 2. That as soon as so much of the said tax shall have been collected as is collected without penalty, the Board of County Commissioners shall advertise in one or more of the newspapers published in the said County the amount so collected, together with the amount already on hand as aforesaid, and shall call upon all persons having claims past due, as ascertained by said majority report, for sealed bids for payment from the said fund at a discount to be specified in said bids, the said bids to be filed with the Clerk of the said Board within thirty days from the first day of advertisement, and shall also specify in such advertisement the time and place of opening such bids.

"SEC. 3. That at the time specified in such advertisement the Board shall proceed in public session to open the sealed bids offered, and the Clerk of the Board shall accurately record all such bids in the minutes of the Board; and it shall be the duty of the said Board, upon the surrender of the claims offered on said bids, and upon the cancellation of the same, forthwith to issue in favor of such bidders as shall have valid claims against the said County past due as aforesaid warrants directed to the County Treasurer of the said County for the payment of the said bids, until the fund herein provided shall have been exhausted, giving the preference herein to bidders offering the greatest percentage of reduction on their respective claims; and it shall be the duty of the County

Treasurer of the said County to pay such warrants out of the proceeds of the tax hereinbefore provided."

The Committee recommend that Section 2 be made Section 4.

RUDOLPH SIEGLING,
For Senate.
JAMES CALLISON,
For House.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 19, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Committee of conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to levy and collect a special tax to pay the past due indebtedness of said County and to regulate the manner of disbursing the same.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Bill was then amended in conformity with the report of conference Committee, the title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 10, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it herewith returns to your honorable body resolution inquiring as to the phosphate taxes due the State by the said companies, it having been improperly sent to the Senate, not being a Concurrent Resolution.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The message was received as information and the resolution filed.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill (House) to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

The amendments were severally concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Pickens County to apply all back taxes due the County from the Air Line Railroad Company to the past indebtedness of said County and for other purposes.

The amendments were severally concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Joint Resolution (House) authorizing and requiring the Comptroller General to issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum of five hundred dollars in favor of Mrs. Isabella Werner and children in payment of the balance due for cast iron Palmetto tree.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate sent to this House

Bill to revive the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to draw his warrants on the Treasurer in order to have paid to the Railroad Commissioner that portion of the expenses of the office which the South Carolina Railroad has failed to pay for the year 1879, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means

The Senate sent to this House the following message:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 19, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Bill from your honorable body to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes," approved the 8th day of March, 1875.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

A Concurrent Resolution requesting inquiry by Congress into the practicability of deepening Charleston bar by diverting the waters of Santee River into Wando River or Cooper River.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Claim of W. C. Fisher; also,

Claim of Congaree Iron Works ; also,
Claim of Ottoman Cahvey Company ; also,
Claim of A. Palmer ; also,
Claim of Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad ; also,
Claim of R. G. Bonham.

The Senate sent to this House

Claims of Drs. Taylor, Griffin and Howe ; also,

Claim of R. L. Bryan.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to provide for the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The following Bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill (favorable) to amend Part III, Title IV, Chapter CXXI, Section 3, of the Revised Statutes.

The following claims were agreed to, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence :

Claim of J. D. Everett ;

Claim of J. F. Treutlen ;

Claim of J. W. Lancaster ;

Claim of S. J. Harrison ;

Claim of United States ;

Claim of J. B. Ezell, J. P. Southern and John Meighan.

Claim of E. R. Stokes ;

Claim of Adjutant and Inspector General's office .

Claim of Riordan & Dawson ;

Claim of C. O. Brown ;

Claim of Butler Guards ;

Claim of Kershaw Gazette ;

Claim of Wm. Wilson ;

Claim of John T. Gaston ;

Claim of J. P. Hulsey ;

Claim of Charleston News and Courier ;

Claim of T. B. Crews.

The following claims were concurred in and ordered to be returned to the Senate with concurrence :

Claim of Columbia Gas Light Company ;

Claim of Gas Light Company.

A Bill requiring a license from the State for the privilege of selling spirituous liquors was taken up for discussion.

Mr. ——— moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill ; and the question being put, " Will the House agree thereto ? " it was passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 56 ; nays, 45.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Barron, Beard, Bowen, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Cherry, Childs, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Davis, Eason, Eckhard, Elfe, Elkins, Fox, Frederick, Gonzalez, Haltiwanger, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, McKissick, Miles, T. E. Miller, Moody, Muller, Perry, J. H. Rice, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker and Wiggins.—56.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Carlisle, Chase, Clowney, Davant, Deal, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Edens, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Graham, Hane, Harper, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lawton, Massey, McNeel, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Murray, Redfearn, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Scarborough, Shoemaker, Sojourner, Watts and Wilson.—45.

So the House agreed to the motion.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled " An Act to incorporate the Edgefield Branch Railroad Company and to authorize the Town Council of Edgefield to issue bonds to aid in the construction of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned, " was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, the vote whereby Concurrent Resolution to examine the accounts of the State Treasurer for the past four years was adopted was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the Concurrent Resolution was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Joint Resolution (by Committee) to authorize and require the State Treasurer to pay to W. F. Pellis thirty-three dollars and ninety cents on the Comptroller General's warrant for the same was read the second time, and the title amended so as to read :

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the Attorney General to bring suit against the bond of the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad Company for the benefit of H. T. Fellers, and then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. COOKE, the House adjourned at 11 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. CALLISON, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, Resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to allow the citizens of Middleton township, in Sumter County, the benefits of the fence law, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill for the better protection of migratory fish.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of

The memorial of the Charlotte, Atlanta and Air Line Railroad Committee for an adjustment of past due tax.

The report was agreed to and the memorial ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. MULLER, from the Committee on Contingent Accounts, made a favorable report on

Accounts of J. D. Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms, which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SEEGERs introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on State House and Grounds :

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the gates opening into the State House grounds be, in the discretion of the keeper thereof, thrown open to the public for the convenience of egress and ingress, and that said officer be authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary for the protection of the grass and shrubbery therein.

Mr. MOODY introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next :

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, the Senate concurring, That no member of this General Assembly shall be entitled to or receive any per diem or pay as such member for services after the 23d instant.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a report and reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock," and make the same apply to a portion of Lexington County, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a report on Claim of John T. Sloan.

Also, on

Claim of Edwin Parker.

Also, on

Claim of J. D. McLucas.

Which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

Claim of H. W. Addison.

Also, on

Claim of Samuel T. Lorick.

The reports were severally agreed to and the claims rejected.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on Education, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to authorize the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to incorporate the Cedar Shoal Manufacturing Company, of Chester, South Carolina;

A Bill to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds or stocks;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a new judicial and election County from a portion of the County of Beaufort, to be known as Hampton County;"

A Bill to incorporate the "Williston Baptist Church," in Barnwell County;

A Bill to renew the charter of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company;

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Magnolia in Sumter County;"

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Westminster, in the County of Oconee," approved March 17th, 1875.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following Acts as properly enrolled and ready for ratification :

An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXVIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestate estates ;

An Act to require railroads to furnish consignees an itemized statement of freight charges and requiring them to settle according to the bill of lading ;

An Act to incorporate the Georgetown Telegraph Company ;

An Act to amend the charter of the Union Bank of South Carolina ;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to establish and charter Stanley's Ferry over Waccamaw River in Horry County ;"

A Joint Resolution to empower the Comptroller General to issue a warrant in payment of the claim of Josiah Doar & Co., of Georgetown, for advertising sale of forfeited lands in 1876 ;

An Act to exempt from taxation certain lots of land, being in the corporate limits of the town of Walhalla, in the County of Oconee ;

An Act to amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act to amend Chapter XLV, Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges in Charleston County ;

An Act to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to open and declare as public highways certain roads in Barnwell County ;

An Act to alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia in reference to the poor of said city ;

An Act to change the name of the Belton, Williamston and Easley Railroad Company and to amend the charter thereof ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reimburse the County of Richland for expenses in the trial of persons tried for crimes committed while such persons were officers of the State," approved March 1, 1878.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills and Joint Resolution as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Joint Resolution to authorize the annual levy of a tax of one mill in the County of Kershaw for the payment of past school indebtedness of said County ;

A Bill to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to convey certain interests of the State in a part of the canal on Catawba River ;

A Bill to declare the law in relation to liens upon real estate.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 19, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Bill from your honorable body to authorize Alfred M. Martin to build a wharf at Martin's Landing on Savannah River, in Hampton County.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 19, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Bill from your honorable body to open a public road from the Barksdale Ferry road to the White Hall road, in Abbeville County.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 19, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has indefinitely postponed Bill recommended by Special Joint Committee to redistrict the State of South Carolina into five Congressional Districts.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 19, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Bill from your honorable body to amend an Act entitled "An

Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto," approved March 19th, 1874, so far as the same relates to the Counties of Charleston, Edgefield and Barnwell.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 19, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has adopted the report of the Senate Committee on Claims on report of the House Committee on Claims on claim of the Edgefield Advertiser, for \$33, recommending "that the claim of twenty-three (23) dollars for publishing election notices November 2, 1876, be paid, and that the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the claim of ten dollars (\$10) for publishing similar notices in 1874, inasmuch as the latter claim was within the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims," instead of agreeing to the report of the House Committee recommending that \$16.50 be paid on the whole claim, and herewith returns the report and claim for concurrence.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The following Bill was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification:

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate the House of Rest Charity.

The Senate sent to this House

A Joint Resolution in the County of Marlboro to pay claim of J. L. Breeden.

Also,

A Bill to establish polling precincts in Charleston County.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurte-

nances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus F. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in the Act.

The House refused to concur in all the Senate amendments and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 20, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists upon all its amendments to Bill from your honorable body to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus F. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in this Act, asks that a Committee of conference be appointed, and respectfully informs your honorable body that Messrs. Taft and McCall have been appointed Committee on the part of the Senate to act with a similar Committee from your honorable body in the adjusting of the differences between the two houses.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. Haskell, J. J. Hemphill and Gaillard, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The following Bills were indefinitely postponed :

A Bill to provide and fix the compensation of the physician to attend on the jail in Charleston County ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the purchase by the State of two guns from the Columbia Flying Artillery at the price of four hundred dollars.

A message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts and Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices herein mentioned."

The enacting words were stricken out and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. COOKE moved to reconsider the vote whereby the enacting words of the Bill were stricken out, which was agreed to.

The Bill was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday next.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday next:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and renew the charter of the town of Darlington;"

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Gilbert Hollow, in the County of Lexington," being Act No. 640, approved 23d , 1875;

A Bill to provide for the payment of the claims of certain County Auditors in the State for services rendered after the expiration of their term of office;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg;"

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg and Greenville Counties to apply all back taxes due from the Air Line Railroad Company or any other back taxes which are now due said Counties to the payment of the bonds of said Counties;

A Bill to further amend the criminal law;

A Bill authorizing the Governor to pay certain claims accruing since the first day of November, A. D. 1876, from the unexpended balance of the contingent fund of the Governor for the past fiscal year;

A Joint Resolution authorizing and empowering the County Treasurer of Beaufort County to pay out certain surplus funds now on hand;

A Bill to fix and determine the quarantine anchorage and boarding station of Port Royal harbor, to render more efficient the quarantine service in the several ports of this State;

A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled 'A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed,'" approved December 14, 1878, and also a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed," approved March 22, 1878;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Pee Dee Agricultural and Mechanical Society," approved February 27, 1873.

THIRD READING.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 32, Article II, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to a homestead

and providing that the benefit of the homestead exemption may be shared equally by all classes of citizens, was read the third time; and the question being put, "Shall the Joint Resolution pass and be ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 102; nays, 0.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Barron, Beaty, Bell, Blakeney, Blue, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elfe, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hane, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—101.

So the Joint Resolution was passed, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments, two-thirds of the entire representation having voted for its passage.

On motion of Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Lawton for two days.

On motion of Mr. CHERRY, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Beard, for two days.

Mr. HASKELL moved that the House do adjourn; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 26; nays, 53.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, Austin, Barron, Callison, Cooke, Dargan, Elkins, Frederick, Fulmore, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Hane, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, Johnstone, Lambson, Maree, T. E. Miller, Moody, Muller, Perry, Richards, Seegers, Shaw, B. Simmons and Skipper.—26.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, Bacon, Barber, Beasley, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brodie, Carlisle, Cherry, Clowney, Cummings, Deal, Davis, Dew-

berry, Edens, Fox, Garrison, Graham, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, Humbert, J. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Manigault, Mattison, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Murray, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Scarboro, Sojourner, Stephenson, Watts, Westberry and Wilson.—53.

So the House refused to agree to the motion to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. _____, the House took a recess from 3 o'clock P. M. until 7.30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The House reassembled at 7:30 P. M.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill (S. B.) to establish a Department of Agriculture, Mining, Manufacture and Immigration was taken up for consideration and read the second time.

Mr. MULLER moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

Mr. COOKE moved to lay the motion on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 74; nays, 29.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Clements, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Deal, Donaldson, Earle, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Fox, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Manigault, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Walker, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—74.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Barron, Beaty, Bowen, Brown, Carlisle, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Davant, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Elfe, Frederick, Gantt, Gonzalez, R. R. Hemphill, Leaphart, McKissick, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shoemaker, B. Simmons and Skipper.—29.

So the House agreed to the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. MILES moved to amend the Bill, in Section 17, by striking out the words "for each separate brands and quality."

Mr. MURRAY moved to lay the amendment on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 46; nays, 19.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Beaty, Bell, Bowen, Brice, Brodie, Callison, Cassidy, Cherry, Childs, Cooke, Deal, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Edens, Elkins, Fox, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Harper, Humbert, Lachicotte, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Seegers, Shaw, Skipper, Sojourner, Suber, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—46.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Bacon, Beasley, Blue, Britton, Carlisle, J. B. Cleveland, Dewberry, Elfe, Fulmore, Gonzalez, Graham, Haskell, Manigault, Miles, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Simonton and Stephenson.—19.

So the House agreed to the motion to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. JOHNSTONE moved to amend the Bill, in the first Section, by adding after the words "General Assembly" "one of whom shall be a practical mechanic."

Mr. HUMBERT moved to lay the amendment on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas 49; nays 47.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beaty, Bell, Blake-ney, Bowen, Bradley, Brodie, Brown, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Dargan, Davant, Donaldson, Eason, Edens, Fox, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, Manigault, Massey, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shaw, Simonton, Sojourner, Watts, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—49.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Barron, Beasley, Blue, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Carlisle, Clements, Cooke, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eckhard, Elfe, Elkins, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Maree, McKissick,

Muller, J. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Seegers, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Suber and Walker.—47.

So the House agreed to the motion to lay on the table.

The Bill was then ordered for a third reading on Monday.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report, which was considered immediately and agreed to, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly :

The Committee of Conference, to whom was referred a Bill to amend an Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts, so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Second Circuit, with the amendments proposed by the House in which the Senate refused to concur, and which the House insisted upon, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that the House recede from its amendments.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. MOORE,
T. J. COUNTS,
Senate Committee.
C. J. C. HUTSON,
JAMES ALDRICH,
House Committee.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 20, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Committee of conference on Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Second Circuit; and having received a message from your honorable body informing the Senate of similar action on the part of the House, the Senate has ordered that the title of said Bill be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend an Act to incorporate the town of Marion, and for other purposes therein mentioned," approved March 13, 1872.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

The undersigned, a Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two houses on a Bill to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12th, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus F. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in this Act, beg leave to report that they have considered the various differences between the two houses and recommend that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. N. TAFT,

For the Senate.

JOHN C. HASKELL,

For the House.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 20, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Conference Committee appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on Bill from your honorable body to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus F. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in this Act.

Very respectfully, &c.

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the Bill was amended in conformity with the report, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made an unfavorable report on

Claim of T. J. Thackham.

The report was agreed to and the claim rejected.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company of South Carolina;

A Bill to amend Part III, Title IV, Chapter CXVI, Section 111, of Revised Statutes;

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the Attorney General to bring suit against the bond of the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad Company for the benefit of H. T. Fellers;

A Joint Resolution for the relief of William Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court of Aiken, South Carolina.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Edgefield Branch Railroad Company and to authorize the Town Council of Edgefield to issue bonds to aid in the construction of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time and ordered for a third reading.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg;"

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C.;"

A Bill to further amend an Act to incorporate the town of Batesburg, in the County of Lexington," approved May 31, 1877;

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Beaufort;

A Bill to establish and charter Watts's Ferry, across Saluda River.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following Acts as properly enrolled and ready for ratification:

An Act to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Chester County to transfer certain shares of stock in the Chester and Lenoir

Narrow Gauge Railroad Company to the Boards of School Trustees of Chester County ;

An Act to incorporate the Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

A Joint Resolution to provide for the repairing and improvement of the Executive Mansion and grounds ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore line of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved 20th December, 1878 ;

An Act to authorize Mrs. C. A. Campbell to establish a wharf at her landing on the East side of the Edisto River, known as the Campbell Landing ;

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Comptroller General to issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum of five hundred dollars in favor of Mrs. Isabella Werner and children in payment of the balance due for cast iron Palmetto tree ;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Pickens and Oconee Counties to apply all back taxes due the said Counties from the Air Line Railroad Company to the past indebtedness of the said Counties and for other purposes.

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to incorporate the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company was indefinitely postponed and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) (favorable) to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to pay to J. J. Steele, Jr., the sum of one hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. GRAHAM, the resolving words were stricken out and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to enable William H. Ingram, of Clarendon County, Francis T. Morgan, of Chester County, and James K. P. Goggans, of Newberry, to apply for admission to the bar was read the second time, the title amended by adding after the word "County" "C. W. Meynardie, Francis T. Morgan, of Chester, G. S. Wing, of Anderson, Henry S. Elliott, of Beaufort, F. H. Wardlaw, of Edgefield, and H. T. Wilson, of Sumter," and was then ordered for a third reading on Monday next.

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same ;"

A Bill to provide for the registration of electors of this State in pursuance of the requirements of the Constitution.

Were made the Special Orders of the day for Monday next immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the vote was reconsidered by which a Concurrent Resolution providing for a Committee to examine the accounts of the State Treasurer for the past four years was laid upon the table.

The Resolution was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would move on Monday next to suspend Rule No. 57 of this House for the balance of this session.

On motion of Mr. BRITTON, the House was adjourned at 11 o'clock P. M. to meet on Monday next at 10 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. CALLISON, the reading of the Journal of Saturday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. HASKELL introduced the following resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly do take a recess from Tuesday, December 23d, to Tuesday, the 14th of January, 1880.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That the 50th Rule of this House be suspended for the present session.

Mr. AUSTIN introduced the following resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Resolved, That no member be granted leave of absence until a recess or final adjournment of the Assembly.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) directing the State Treasurer to reissue to W. D. Lesesne a new certificate of stock in lieu of one lost or destroyed.

Also,

A Bill (S. B.) to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation to County Commissioners, their powers and duties, into one Act and to amend the same," approved April 13, 1875.

Also, without recommendation,

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to authorize the Comptroller General to draw his warrants on the Treasurer in order to have paid to the Railroad Commissioner that portion of the expenses of the office which the South Carolina Railroad has failed to pay for the year 1879.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Richard S. Porcher a certain bond in lieu of the original, which has been lost or destroyed.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. GONZALEZ, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to revise the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MASSEY, from the Committee on Printing, made a favorable report on

Claim of Calvo & Patton, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following Acts as properly enrolled and ready for ratification:

An Act to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter;

An Act to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield, and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to levy and collect a special tax to pay the past due indebtedness of said County, and to regulate the manner of disbursing the same;

An Act to provide for the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County;

An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina;

A Joint Resolution requiring County Treasurers to pay out school funds remaining in their hands from previous years to school expenses of current year;

A Joint Resolution requiring the Comptroller General to draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer in favor of the executor of the late J. S. G. Richardson for the amount accruing to his account as State Reporter from the time of his death to the day of the qualification of his successor;

An Act to incorporate the Merchants' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association, of Charleston.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Medical Committee, made an unfavorable report on

Memorial of the State Board of Health.

The report was agreed to, and the memorial ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. GAILLARD, from the Military Committee, made a favorable report on

Concurrent Resolution in relation to the State Military Academy, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

Claim of the Commissioners and Managers of Election for Kershaw County for 1876.

Also,

Claims of Drs. Taylor, Griffin and Howe.

Also,

Claim of Kershaw Gazette.

Also,

Claim of R. L. Bryan.

Which were considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

Claim of C. E. Leaphart.

The report was agreed to, the claim rejected, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. LEAPHART asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House claim of C. E. Leaphart.

Mr. SEEGERs presented the claim of R. E. Plumer, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. MURRAY gave notice that he would introduce the following resolution :

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, the Senate concurring, That the printing of Bills and Joint Resolutions from either House be, and hereby is, directed to be discontinued after to-day.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to revive and renew the charter of the Marion Academy Society, which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The following Bills were ordered to be laid on the table, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly :

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter XLV of the General Statutes, relative to persons liable to work on the public highways and roads, so far as the same relates to the Counties of Spartanburg, Chesterfield and Abbeville," approved June 8, 1877 ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved December 20, 1878.

A Bill to authorize Walter J. Brookes and other persons to construct gates across a public road was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

The Senate sent to this House

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of this State," approved March 1st, 1878, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

The following Bills were read the third time and ordered to be enrolled for ratification :

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C.;"

A Bill (S. B.) to further amend an Act to incorporate the town of Batesburg, in the County of Lexington," approved May 31st, 1877 ;

A Bill (S. B.) to renew and amend the charter of the town of Beaufort ;

A Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg and Greenville Counties to apply all back taxes due from the Air Line Rail-

road Company or any other back taxes which are now due said Counties to the payment of the bonds of said Counties;

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Gilbert Hollow, in the County of Lexington," being Act No. 640, approved 23d , 1875;

A Bill (S. B.) to provide for the payment of the claims of certain County Auditors in the State for services rendered after the expiration of their term of office;

A Bill (Senate) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg;"

A Bill (S. B.) to establish and charter Watts's Ferry across Saluda River;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Pee Dee Agricultural and Mechanical Society," approved February 27, 1873;

A Bill (S. B.) to further amend the criminal law;

A Bill (S. B.) authorizing the Governor to pay certain claims accruing since the first day of November, A. D. 1876, from the unexpended balance of the contingent fund of the Governor for the past fiscal year;

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and renew the charter of the town of Darlington;"

A Bill (S. B.) to amend Section 5 of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate certain towns and villages and to renew and amend certain charters hereinbefore granted," ratified 28th January, 1860;

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) authorizing and empowering the County Treasurer of Beaufort County to pay out certain surplus funds now on hand;

A Bill (S. B.) to fix and determine the quarantine anchorage and boarding station of Port Royal harbor, to render more efficient the quarantine service in the several ports of this State;

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Edgefield Branch Railroad Company, and to authorize the Town Council of Edgefield to issue bonds to aid in the construction of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned ;"

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled 'A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed,'" approved December 14, 1878, and also a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed," approved March 22, 1878;

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow :

A Bill (S. B.) to alter and amend the charter of the town of Seneca City, in the County of Oconee, and to reduce all Acts or parts of Acts in relation thereto into one Act;

A Bill (S. B.) to authorize Walker J. Brookes and other persons to construct gates across a public road;

A Bill (S. B.) to renew the charter of Stoney Bluff Ferry;

A Bill (S. B.) to release the lien of the State upon the hall of the Washington Race Course, Charleston, to the Agricultural Society of South Carolina;

A Bill (S. B.) to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to prevent fishing with nets in the fresh water streams of this State at certain seasons of the year,' and to extend the same to the Counties of Richland, Chester and Clarendon," approved December 20, 1878, so far as the same relates to the County of Chester;

A Bill (S. B.) to repeal so much of an Act to provide for the register of claims against the Counties of Sumter and Marlboro and to prescribe the order of their payment, approved March 22d, 1879, as relates to the County of Marlboro;

A Bill (S. B.) to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their respective Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to the upper part of the upper township of Richland County;

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act to define the duties of the Sinking Fund Commissioners in relation to the lands purchased by the Land Commission;

A Bill to authorize and empower the County Commissioners for Greenville County to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of said County;

A Bill (S. B.) to provide for the payment of past due school claims for Barnwell County;

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Hamburg, in Aiken County;"

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) for the relief of E. E. Dickson, ex-County Treasurer of Clarendon County, and the sureties on his official bond;

A Bill to regulate the classification of cotton in bales by railroads and other common carriers within this State;

A Joint Resolution to relieve Adam R. Metts, of Lexington County, of legal disabilities;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg County to apply back taxes to the payment of past due school claims;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws,' and to provide for effectuating the same," approved December, 1875;

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to allow the citizens of Middleton Township, in Sumter County, the benefits of the fence law;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein;

A Bill to establish polling precincts in Charleston County;

A Joint Resolution in the County of Marlboro to pay claim of J. L. Breeden.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Special Joint Committee of the two Houses upon Message No. 2 of the Governor covering correspondence accompanying the gift of the portrait of Hon. John B. Gordon, reported the following preamble and Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence:

The Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives to whom was referred Message No. 2 of His Excellency the Governor covering correspondence connected with the gift by Mr. Albert Guerry of his portrait of the Hon. John B. Gordon, respectfully submit the following preamble and resolution as an expression of the sentiment of the General Assembly respecting said gift.

Respectfully submitted.

RUDOLPH SIEGLING,

Chairman Committee of the Senate.

CHARLES H. SIMONTON,

Chairman Committee of the House of Representatives.

This General Assembly has received with profound satisfaction the Message No. 2 of His Excellency the Governor covering the correspondence accompanying the gift to the State of the portrait of Senator Gordon.

The General Assembly remember and gratefully appreciate the counsels, the influence and the support so freely rendered by him to the State in the crisis of her history. His name will ever be honored and cherished by her people. It is with great gratification that she has received the gift of the portrait of this friend of South Carolina, executed by an artist of rare genius and excellence—a gift the more valued because made by the artist himself. The walls of her State House will be adorned by the perfect presentation of this eminent statesman, and the children of the State to a remote generation will become familiar with the features of him whom their fathers delight to honor.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of South Carolina, the House of Representatives uniting and concurring therein :

That the thanks of this General Assembly are due, and are hereby given, to Mr. Albert Guerry for the portrait of the Hon. John B. Gordon, Senator from Georgia, and the friend of South Carolina.

That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, instructed to select and set apart a suitable place in the State House for the permanent location and preservation of the portrait, and for the exhibition of it to all who may visit the Capitol.

That the Clerks of the two houses be, and they are hereby, instructed to engross in proper form a copy of this preamble, with the resolutions, and to place the copy so made in the possession of the Governor.

That His Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit the copy so engrossed in the name and on the behalf of this General Assembly to Mr. Albert Guerry.

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter XLV of the General Statutes, relative to persons liable to work on the public highways and roads," so far as the same relates to the Counties of Spartanburg, Chesterfield and Abbeville," approved June 8, 1877, was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved December 20, 1878, was ordered to be laid on the table.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 20, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has stricken out the enacting clause of Bill from your honorable body to amend the school law.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits within the town of Honea Path, in Anderson County, and the town of Pickens C. H., in the County of Pickens, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof.

The House refused to concur in the amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879.

The House refused to concur in sundry of the amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate notifying the Senate accordingly.

The Senate returned to the House the following Bills, with amendments :

A Bill to limit the plaintiff in actions for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands.

Also,

A Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, Chapter CXXVIII, of the General Statutes, relating to obstructing railroads.

Also,

A Bill to continue in force an Act to extend the time for funding the unquestionable debt of the State.

The amendments were severally concurred in, the titles of the same ordered to be changed to Acts and enrolled for ratification.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to create a Department of Agriculture, which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments

A Bill to enable W. H. Ingram, of Clarendon County, Francis T. Morgan, of Chester County, and James K. P. Goggans, of Newberry County, to apply for admission to the bar was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate costs of plaintiffs and defendants, attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts and Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices herein mentioned," was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston.

The amendments were concurred in, the title ordered to be changed to an Act and enrolled for ratification.

Also, returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill respecting the mode of funding the debt of the County of Charleston and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

A Bill to amend Part I, Title I, Chapter CXXIX, and of Section 9 of the Revised Statutes, relating to stealing from the field.

The House refused to concur in the amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

A Bill (unfavorable) to legitimize Julia McGee, Elias P. McGee and Robert McGee, and to permit them to inherit from Elias McGee should he die intestate, and for the relief of the said Elias McGee, was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (favorable) to reimburse the County of Richland for expenses incurred in the trials of persons indicted and prosecuted for crimes committed while such persons were officers of this State was indefinitely postponed.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill to provide for the registration of electors of this State in pursuance of the requirements of the Constitution was discharged and ordered to be placed at the foot of the Calendar.

SPECIAL ORDERS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE MORNING HOUR.

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same" was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Accounts (favorable) of J. D. Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms, were passed and ordered to be paid.

A Bill (S. B.) to establish polling precincts in Charleston County; also,

A Joint Resolution in the County of Marlboro to pay claim of J. L. Breeden.

Were read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. HASKELL asked leave to record the vote he would have given had he been present at the passage of a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Carolina relating to the homestead and providing that the benefits of the homestead exemption may be shared by all classes of citizens; and his name being called, he voted "aye."

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, the House took a recess at 2:30 o'clock P. M. until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in amendments of your honorable body to Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 23, Article II, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina relating to a homestead and providing that the benefits of the homestead exemption may be shared equally by all classes of citizens, and that it has been ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it consents to the request of your honorable body for the appointment of the hour of 8 P. M. this day for the ratification of Acts, and respectfully invites your honorable body to attend in the Senate Chamber to assist in the same.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully asks leave of your honorable body to withdraw from the file of the House claim, and report of Senate Committee thereon, of C. E. Leaphart.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Leave was granted.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it refuses to concur in amendment of House to Bill to amend an Act entitled "An

Act to regulate costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys, and the cost and fees of Clerks of Courts and Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices herein mentioned," and that it has appointed Messrs. Taft and Meetze as Committee of Conference on part of Senate to act with a similar Committee from your honorable body in adjusting the differences between the two houses on the same.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

A message was ordered to be returned to the Senate consenting to the appointment of a Committee of Conference.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced Messrs. McKissick, Bowen and Cooke the Committee on the part of the House.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it refuses to concur in amendments of your honorable body to Bill to create a Department of Agriculture, and asks that a Committee of Conference be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same.

Messrs. Lipscomb and Patterson have been appointed Committee on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

A message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, consenting to the appointment of a Committee of conference.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced Messrs. Humbert, Beasley and Blue the Committee on the part of the House.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has adopted reports of the Senate Committee on Claims on reports of the House Committee on Claims on the following claims, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said claims, for the reason "that a Joint Resolution has already been passed by the Senate and sent to the House providing for the payment of claims of this class."

Report of Committee on Claims (House) on claim of Jack Lee for reward in the case of Isaac Turnage.

Report of Committee on Claims (House) on claim of W. H. McNair.

Report of Committee on Claims (House) on claim of A. L. Holly.

Report of Committee on Claims (House) on claim of John Kennerly.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists upon all of its amendments to Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879, and respectfully asks that a Committee of Conference be appointed, and respectfully informs your honorable body that Messrs. Fishburne and Butler have been appointed Committee on part of Senate to act with a similar Committee from your honorable body in adjusting the differences between the two houses on the same.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. Johnstone, Simonton and Aldrich.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists upon its amendments to Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits within the town of Honea Path, in Anderson County, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof, and respectfully asks that a Committee of Conference be appointed, and informs your honorable body that Messrs. Bradley and Coker have been appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to act with a similar Committee from your honorable body to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. W. C. Cleveland, Bowen and Moody.

The House of Representatives attended in the Senate Chamber, when the following Acts were ratified:

The House of Representatives then returned to their hall.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following Acts as properly enrolled and ready for ratification:

An Act to establish and charter Watts' Ferry, across Saluda River;

Joint Resolution authorizing the State Reporter to prepare an index to Volume XVI of the Statutes of this State;

An Act to enable citizens of this State to apply for admission to the bar;

An Act to authorize William Howell and his wife, Hannah Harriet Howell, to adopt and make their lawful heir Mary Caroline Howell;

An Act to repeal Section 2, relating to text books in the public schools, Chapter XXXVIII of the Revised Statutes;

An Act to provide for the more efficient performance of his duty by the School Commissioner of Charleston County;

An Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg and Greenville Counties to apply all back taxes due from the Air Line Railroad Company or any other back taxes which are now due said Counties to the payment of the bonds of said Counties.

The following claims were passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate:

Claim of Dr. Edwin Parker;

Claim of J. D. McLucas.

Claim of John T. Sloan, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The favorable report was agreed to and the claim passed.

A Bill to require a special license for dogs was taken up for consideration.

Mr. DAVIS moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 65; nays, 27.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Cherry, Child, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Eckhard, Elkins, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, J. J.

On page 366, after the fifth line from top of page, the following Acts ratified are to be read :

An Act to incorporate Bethel Methodist Church South, of Charleston;

An Act to amend Part I, Title I, Chapter XXX, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the disposition of the books of a Trial Justice office that has become vacant;

An Act to organize the office of Coroner of Charleston County and to fix the pay and expenses thereof;

An Act to incorporate the Georgetown Telegraph Company of South Carolina;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to remedy and supply the loss of public records and to perpetuate testimony in regard to deeds, mortgages, settlements and other papers lost by fire at Abbeville," approved February 27, 1873;

An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding due school claims in Oconee County;

An Act to provide for the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County;

An Act in reference to the past indebtedness of Sumter County;

Joint Resolution authorizing the State Reporter to prepare an index to Volume XVI of the Statutes of this State;

An Act to enable citizens of this State to apply for admission to the bar;

An Act to authorize William Howell and his wife, Hannah Harriet Howell, to adopt and make their lawful heir Mary Caroline Howell;

An Act to repeal Section 2, relating to text books in the public schools, Chapter XXXVII, of the Revised Statutes;

An Act to provide for the more efficient performance of his duty by the School Commissioner of Charleston County;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within the State," approved March 18, 1878, so far as it refers to the Counties of Georgetown and Richland;

An Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston;

An Act to establish and charter Watts's Ferry across Saluda River;

Joint Resolution to pay to the widow and daughter of the late General R. H. Anderson the balance of salary he would have been entitled to as Phosphate Agent for one year had he survived for that length of time;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Pickens and Oconee Counties to apply all back taxes due the said Counties from the Air Line Railroad Company to the past indebtedness of the said Counties and for other purposes;

An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Spartanburg and Augusta Railroad Company;"

An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Presbytery of Enoree of the Presbyterian Church in the United States;

Joint Resolution requiring County Treasurers to pay out school funds remaining in their hands from previous years to school expenses of current year;

Joint Resolution requiring the Comptroller General to draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer in favor of the executor of the late J. S. G. Richardson for the amount accruing to his account as State Reporter from the time of his death to the day of the qualification of his successor;

An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of the outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Georgetown, Charleston, Richland and Aiken Counties," approved December 23d, 1878;

An Act to amend Section 4, Chapter CIV, of the General Statutes, in relation to the time within which Justices of the Supreme Court shall qualify;

An Act to amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXIV, Part III, of the General Statutes, relating to claim and delivery of personal property;

An Act to change the name of the Belton, Williamston & Easley Railroad Company and to amend the charter thereof;

An Act to amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act to amend Chapter XLV, Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relative to the repairs of highways and bridges in Charleston County;

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Colleton County to levy an additional tax of one mill for building bridges of twenty feet span and over said size;

An Act to protect the rights of creditors of joint stock companies and to regulate the same;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to levy and collect a special tax to pay the past due indebtedness of said County and to regulate the manner of disbursing the same;

Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Comptroller General to issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum of five hundred dollars in favor of Mrs. Isabella Werner and her children in payment of the balance due for cast iron palmetto tree;

Joint Resolution to authorize and require the Comptroller General to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of J. L. Weston, ex-

Treasurer of Chesterfield County, for taxes overpaid by him to the State for the year 1874;

Joint Resolution to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Georgetown County to pay the past indebtedness of said County for the fiscal year 1878 out of surplus funds now on hand;

Joint Resolution to complete the correction of the books of the Comptroller General and State Treasurer directed by the last General Assembly.

An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXVIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestate estates;

An Act to amend the charter of the Union Bank of South Carolina;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to establish and charter Stanley's Ferry over Waccamaw River, in Horry County;

An Act to exempt from taxation, certain lots of land being in the corporate limits of the town of Walhalla, in the County of Oconee;

An Act to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to open and declare as public highways certain roads in Barnwell County;

An Act to alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia in reference to the poor of said city;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend an Act to incorporate the town of Marion, and for other purposes therein mentioned," approved March 13, 1872;

An Act to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus F. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in this Act;

Joint Resolution to empower the Comptroller General to issue a warrant in payment of the claim of Josiah Doar & Co., of Georgetown, for advertising sale of forfeited lands in 1876;

Joint Resolution to provide for the repairing and improvement of the Executive mansion and grounds.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned," so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties and to establish in their stead the office of Master;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Greenville, Georgetown, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston," approved December 24th, 1878 ;

An Act to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein ;

An Act to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter ;

An Act to incorporate the Merchants' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg and Greenville Counties to apply all back taxes due from the Air Line Railroad Company, or any other back taxes which are now due said Counties, to the payment of the bonds of said Counties ;

An Act to authorize the formation of an independent battalion on James Island, John's Island and Edisto Island, to form a part of the volunteer troops of South Carolina ;

An Act to recharter a ferry across Catawba River, between the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, to be known as Brown's Ferry, and to vest the same in William McD. Brown and Francis W. Cureton ;

An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands ;

An Act to prohibit the running of freight trains, and to regulate the running of passenger and mail trains on Sunday ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island, respectively, as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the Bar of Charleston harbor," approved December 20th, 1878 ;

An Act to require railroads to furnish consignees an itemized statement of freight charges, and requiring them to settle according to the bill of lading ;

An Act to fix the time for legislative enactments to take effect ;

An Act to amend Section 250, Chapter IV, Title VII, Part II, of the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Chapter CXXII of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of attachments ;

An Act to require the County Treasurers of the respective Counties within this State to attend at certain places for the collection of taxes.

An Act to establish and charter Higgins & Banta's Ferry, at Star Bluff, on Waccamaw River, in Horry County ;

An Act to reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work on the public roads in Anderson, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Greenville, Barnwell, Colleton, Lancaster and Kershaw Counties ;

An Act to declare public a certain road in Orangeburg County ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reimburse the County of Richland for expenses incurred in the trial of persons tried for crimes committed while such persons were office holders of the State," approved March 1st, 1878 ;

An Act to incorporate the Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

An Act to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Chester County to transfer certain shares of stock in the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad Company to the Boards of School Trustees of Chester County ;

An Act to authorize Mrs. C. A. Campbell to establish a wharf at her landing on the East side of the Edisto River known as the Campbell landing ;

An Act to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from the payment of certain taxes ;

An Act renouncing, releasing and relinquishing a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Legislature of South Carolina under the will of John Blair and of Mrs. Nancy Blair, his wife ;

Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled 'A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed,' " approved December 14, 1878, and Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed," approved 22d March, 1878 ;

An Act to amend an Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts so far as the same relates to the Second Circuit ;

An Act authorizing the Governor to pay certain claims accruing since the first day of November, 1876, from the unexpended balance of the contingent fund of the Governor for the past fiscal year ;

An Act to further amend the criminal law ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to pay the checks issued by the Clerks of the two Houses in lieu of all stationery and postage for the regular session of 1879 ;

Joint Resolution authorizing and empowering the County Treasurer of Beaufort County to pay out certain surplus funds now on hand ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and renew the charter of the town of Darlington ;

An Act to amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston ;

An Act to incorporate the House of Rest Charity ;

An Act to amend Section 5 of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate certain towns and villages and to renew and amend certain charters hereinbefore granted," ratified January 28, 1860.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Pee Dee Agricultural and Mechanical Association," approved February 27th, 1873;

An Act to further amend an Act to incorporate the town of Batesburg, in the County of Lexington, approved May 31st, 1877 ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Gilbert Hollow, in the County of Lexington," being Act No. 640, approved 23d December, 1878 ;

An Act to amend Section 5 of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate certain towns and villages and to renew and amend certain charters hereinbefore granted," ratified January 28, 1860 ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C.;

An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Beaufort ;

Joint Resolution to provide for the payment of the claims of certain County Auditors in this State for services rendered after the expiration of their terms of office ;

Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Horry County to pay out certain funds in the treasury of said County ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to accelerate the proceedings in actions for partition," being an Act No. 636, approved 23d December, 1878.

Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Kennedy, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Shaw, B. Simmons, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Westberry and Wiggins.—65.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Barron, Beard, Beasley, Bradley, Clowney, Dargan, Dorroh, Eason, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hane, Harper, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lachicotte, J. A. Miller, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Scarboro, Seegers, Simonton, Sojourner, Watts and Wilson.—27.

So the House agreed to the motion.

Mr. MURRAY moved to lay all Bills and Joint Resolutions on the table and the question being put, " Will the House agree to the motion ?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 50 ; nays, 35.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brown, Cannon, Carlisle, Cherry, Child, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eckhard, Edens, Garrison, Gonzalez, J. J. Hemphill, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Keller, Massey, McNeel, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Moody, Murray, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Simonton, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—50.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, Bacon, Barron, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Brodie, Callison, Cassidy, Dargan, Davies, Elkins, Fox, Fulmore, Gaillard, Graham, Haltiwanger, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Morrison, Muller, W. B. Rice, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, B. Simmons and Smalls.—35.

So the House agreed to the motion.

The following Bills, Joint Resolutions, reports and resolutions were ordered to be laid on the table :

A Bill (favorable) to reimburse the County of Richland for expenses incurred in the trials of persons indicted and prosecuted for crimes committed while such persons were officers of this State ;

A Bill (unfavorable) to legitimize Julia McGee, Elias P. McGee and Robert McGee, and to permit them to inherit from Elias McGee should he die intestate, and for the relief of the said Elias McGee ;

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville;"

A Bill (favorable) to amend Section 17 of Chapter XLV of the General Statutes, relative to persons liable to work on public highways and roads, so far as the same relates to the Counties of Union and Marion ;

A Bill (favorable) to relieve E. P. Brown from keeping up the bridge known as Brown's Bridge, over Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County ;

A Bill (unfavorable) to regulate the traffic in seed cotton ;

A Bill (favorable) to renew the charter of Stoney Bluff Ferry ;

A Bill (favorable) to require a special license for dogs ;

A Bill (favorable) relating to granting aid to the Georgetown and North Carolina Narrow Gauge Railroad ;

A Bill (favorable) to alter the time of the sitting of the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas for Edgefield County, and to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9, 1877 ;

Memorial (unfavorable) of citizens of Abbeville County praying the enactment of a prohibitory liquor law ;

A Bill (favorable) to regulate and fix the time of holding the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas in the Fourth Judicial Circuit ;

A Bill (favorable) to regulate the drawing and empaneling of juries ;

A Bill (unfavorable) for the relief of the Counties of Spartanburg, Greenville, Union, Pickens, York, Chester, Lancaster and Chesterfield, which have subscribed bonds in aid of certain railroads ;

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to require Masters in Equity, Sheriffs and Clerks of Courts of this State to divide real estate sold by them into tracts of convenient size ;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay Wm. H. Dorrill, County Auditor, certain claims paid by him for the assessment of property within said County ;

A Bill (favorable) to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to levy certain taxes and to use certain funds in the County treasury for ordinary County purposes ;

A Bill (favorable) for the relief of certain taxpayers of Williamsburg County ;

A Bill (favorable) to change the name of Henry Miller, an orphan boy in Marion County, to Henry Huger Thomas, and for other purposes ;

A Bill (favorable) to make George Owen Cox, Charleston Cox, Henry Horace Cox, Ellen Cox, Eugene Bonaparte Cox and Alonzo Cox the legal and lawful heirs of George B. Cox ;

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Cambrian Raw Bone Phosphate Company, of Columbia, South Carolina ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salary of certain officers;"

Concurrent Resolution to recede from election of Associate Justice;

A Bill (by Committee) to amend Section 15, Chapter XXIX, Title VIII, of the General Statutes, relating to physician of the poor;

Concurrent Resolution for the appointment of a joint Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the State;

A Bill (unfavorable) to afford relief to insolvent debtors;

A Bill (favorable) to grant certain powers to the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina;

A Bill (unfavorable) to alter and amend the law in relation to juries and jurors;

A Bill (favorable) to authorize actions on certain claims against the County of Chester;

A Bill (favorable) to provide for the payment of the indebtedness of the school districts of the County of Orangeburg;

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to fix the standard weight in respect to certain grains, roots, fruits and vegetables;

A Bill (favorable) to require the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Edgefield County;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to allow the citizens of Middleton township, in Sumter County; the benefits of the fence law;

A Joint Resolution (by Committee) to authorize the State Treasurer to issue to H. D. Lesesne a new certificate of State stock, in lieu of one lost or destroyed;

A Bill (by Committee) to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within the town of Marion and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize L. M. Westbury, of Colleton County, to change the road leading from Walterboro to George's Station around his settlement;

A Bill (favorable) to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges;"

A Bill (favorable) to provide for the funding of certain past due interest on the valid consolidated debt of the State;

A Bill (favorable) to appoint Commissioners to take charge of the Downer fund in Aiken County;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize the County Commissioners of Beaufort County to pay claim of L. S. Langley, County Auditor of said County;

A Bill (favorable) to regulate and fix the fees of County Treasurers for issuing tax executions to be paid only by defendants;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize the County Commissioners of Clarendon County to levy and collect a special tax of two mills on the dollar for the payment of the past due indebtedness of said County;

A Bill (unfavorable) to amend Section 89 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Act providing for the assessment and taxation of property into one Act and to amend the same," approved March 19, 1874;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to appoint a Fish Commission to increase the propagation of fish," approved December 23d, 1878;

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the village of Peak's Station, in Lexington County;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to regulate the appointment and salary of Trial Justices in the city of Charleston," approved February 6, 1874;

A Bill (by Committee) to amend the railroad laws of the State;

A Bill (unfavorable) to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to allow the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad Company to pay their indebtedness to the State for the hire of convicts in the stock of said company at par;

A Bill (favorable) to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes;

Petition (unfavorable) of sundry citizens of Richland County abolishing Trenholm precinct;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to appeals from the Circuit Courts to the Supreme Court," approved December 19, 1878;

A Bill to enable creditors of any person interested in testate estates to require executors to execute bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties as such executors;

A Bill to relieve the school claims of Aiken County for the fiscal year 1877-78 of the operation of Section 40 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and amend the school law of South Carolina," approved March 22, 1878;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of places mentioned therein;"

A Joint Resolution (favorable) providing for repairing the enclosure on the Capitol grounds around the grave of Captain Swanson Lunsford, the former owner of said grounds;

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the better protection of religious worship," so far as the same relates to the County of Orangeburg ;

A Bill (unfavorable) to abolish the office of County Auditor and for other purposes ;

A Joint Resolution (unfavorable) to authorize the Comptroller General to draw his warrants on the Treasurer in order to have paid to the Railroad Commissioner that portion of the expenses of the office which the South Carolina Railroad has failed to pay for the fiscal year 1879 ;

A Bill (unfavorable) to make County Treasurers liable to tax payers for issuing against them executions for taxes which had been paid by them or offered to be paid by them ;

Memorial (unfavorable) and petition of the Palmetto Guard, of Charleston ;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize the State Treasurer to re-issue to Alexander Robertson a certain certificate of stock, the original of which has been lost or destroyed ;

A Bill to incorporate the Cross Roads Baptist Church, in Charleston County ;

A Bill to regulate the sale of real estate in Anderson County where sold under process from the Courts ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Savannah Valley Railroad Company," approved 12, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof, approved December 24, 1878 ;

Joint Resolution to regulate the collection of taxes voted to the Savannah Valley Railroad Company in certain towns and townships in Anderson and Abbeville Counties ;

A Bill to charter the Anderson and Easley Railroad Company ;

Joint Resolution (favorable) to pay late members of the investigating Committees in the past indebtedness of Colleton County the balance of pay due them ;

A Bill (favorable) to authorize and require the Circuit Solicitors to attend sessions of the General Assembly and to prescribe their duties and compensation ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the service of notices of appeal in Courts of Trial Justices ;

A Bill (by Committee) to change the name of Fannie Chappell to Fannie Pitts and to permit her to inherit from David Pitts and Rebecca Pitts, or either of them, if they or either of them die intestate ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend Sections 1 and 2, Chapter XXVI, Title I, of the General Statutes, Part I, relating to Constables ;

A Bill (favorable) to provide a stenographer for the Fifth Circuit ;

A Bill (favorable) to abandon the new bridge across the North Edisto on the public road leading from Branchville to Easterling's mill in Orangeburg County ;

A Bill (favorable) to open a certain public road in Edgefield County ;

A Bill (favorable) to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg County ;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize John Taylor to erect and maintain two gates across the public road leading from Columbia to Charleston on the West side of the Congaree River in Lexington County ;

A Bill (favorable, with amendments,) to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company to reduce their capital stock to \$200,000 and to exempt said company from the operations of the 41st Section of the Act of 1841 ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to the legal representative of H. C. Frank a certificate of State Capitol stock for \$190, lost or destroyed ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved December 20, 1878 ;

A Bill by (Committee) to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within the town of Belton, Anderson County, and its vicinity ;

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society ;

A Bill (favorable) to declare public a certain road in Colleton County ;

A Bill (favorable) to regulate the manner of denominating the law and equity reports of this State ;

Joint Resolution (favorable) to allow and pay Benjamin Sanders interest on a judgment against Colleton County ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to make and issue to the Carolina National Bank of Columbia, S. C., a certain draft, or check, drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been either lost or destroyed. (Favorable, with amendments;))

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Mount Pleasant and Sullivan's Island Ferry Company," approved March 4th, 1878 ;

A Bill (S. B.) to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railroad Company from payment of certain taxes ;

A Bill to provide for the establishment of new school districts in the several incorporated towns and incorporated villages of the State, and to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes therein, with sundry Bills relative thereto;

Report from the Joint Committees on the Judiciary of both houses;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter XLV of the General Statutes, relative to persons liable to work on the public highways and roads," so far as the same relates to the Counties of Spartanburg, Chesterfield and Abbeville, approved June 8, 1877;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to alter and amend the law in relation to the lien of executions;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to require the County Commissioners of Marion County to lay out a public highway in said County;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their respective Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to the upper part of the upper township of Richland County;

A Bill (favorable) to direct County Treasurers to pay to County Auditors twenty-five per cent. upon the assessing funds in their several Counties for the years 1878 and 1879, as compensation for extra services performed by them or their assistants in the years 1878 and 1879;

A Bill to provide for the registration of the electors of this State in conformity with Article VIII, Section 3, of the State Constitution;

Petition of Dennis O'Neil;

A Joint Resolution (unfavorable) instructing the Treasurer to issue deficiency bonds to Mrs. M. E. Wagener, executrix of General John A. Wagener, deceased, for moneys paid and salary due to him as Commissioner of Immigration;

A Bill (favorable) to provide a public guardian of the estate of minors, idiots and orphans, the powers and duties of such guardian, and to fix his liability;

Accounts (favorable) of J. D. Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of Abbeville, Marion, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and make the same apply to a portion of Lexington County;

Concurrent Resolution;

Concurrent Resolution relative to State House grounds.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following Bills and Joint Resolutions as properly engrossed and ready for ratification:

A Joint Resolution to complete the correction of the books of the Comptroller General and the State Treasurer directed by the last General Assembly ;

An Act to authorize the Canal Commission appointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and covenant for and on behalf of the State with David M. Thompson and Augustus F. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dispose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in this Act ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend an Act to incorporate the town of Marion and for other purposes therein mentioned," approved March 13th, 1872 ;

An Act to incorporate Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Charleston.

The unfavorable report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the petition of Dennis O'Neil was agreed to.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and House of Representatives on the question of submitting changes in the Constitution to the people at the next general election was agreed to.

The report of the Committee of the House on memorial and petition of the Palmetto Guard of Charleston, and

The petition of certain citizens of Richland to abolish Trenholm precinct, in Richland County, were agreed to.

A Bill (Senate) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Liberty, in the County of Pickens," approved March 2, 1876.

The report was considered immediately, the Bill read the second time, and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Messrs. Johnstone, Elfe and T. E. Miller asked leave to record the vote they would have given had they been present when the motion was put to lay on the table all of the remaining Bills and Joint Resolutions.

Their names being called, they voted "no."

Mr. HUMBERT, from the Committee of conference, made the following report, which was agreed to :

The conference Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, to whom was referred the disagreement between the two houses on House amendments to a Senate Bill "to create a Department of Agriculture," beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that the Senate concur in all amendments proposed by the House except to Sections 10 and

16 of said Bill, and that the House recede from amendments to said Sections 10 and 16.

JAS. N. LIPSCOMB,

L. J. PATTERSON,

On part of the Senate.

J. B. HUMBERT,

J. W. BEASLEY,

J. G. BLUE,

On part of the House.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock " and to extend the same to Greenville.

The House concurred in all the amendments, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate had amended a Bill to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem, mileage and stationery certificates of the members of the General Assembly, the salaries of the Senate, of the subordinate officers and employees thereof, and for other objects herein named, by adding as Section 15: "That the sum of eleven hundred and eighteen dollars and fifty-six cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for balance of expenses and salaries of the office of Railroad Commissioner, to be paid on the warrants of the Comptroller General on the State Treasurer, the same amount to be replaced by the Comptroller." And the question being put, "Will the House concur therein?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 56; nays, 46.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Bacon, Barron, Beard, Beaty, Bell, Blakeney, Bowen, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Child, Clarkson, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Dargan, Davies, Dorroh, Elfe, Elkins, Fulmore, Gaillard, Haltiwanger, Hane, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Lambson, Manigault, Maree, Miles, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Morrison, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Scarboro, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—56.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Austin, Barber, Beasley, Blue, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Carlisle, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Fox, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, Keller, Leaphart,

Massey, McNeel, McKissick, J. A. Miller, Minus, Muller, Murray, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Rodgers, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson and Wilson.—46.

So the House concurred in the amendment.

The remaining amendments were concurred in, the title of the Bill changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879.

The House refused to concur in all the amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the conference Committee on the differences between the two houses on Bill to create a department of agriculture, and that the Bill has been ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists upon its amendments to Bill to amend Part IV, Title I, Chapter CXXIX, of the General Statutes, relative to stealing crops from the field, and respectfully asks for a Committee of conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same, and respectfully informs your honorable body that Messrs. Taft and Moore have been appointed Committee on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, the House receded from its amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, the House adjourned at 11 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. CALLISON, the reading of the Journal of Monday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a Committee of two Senators and three members of the House be appointed to investigate the matters connected with the employment of convicts by the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad Company in accordance with the report of the Joint Committee of the two houses; the said Investigating Committee to be empowered to send for persons and papers, and during their investigation to receive the same per diem and mileage as members of the General Assembly. The Committee to report to the next Legislature.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same," which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. ELKINS introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence:

Whereas the supply of the Rules of the House of Representatives and of the Senate is exhausted, which will necessitate the reprinting for the use of the General Assembly; and whereas it is believed that Rules important to facilitate business and save expenses may be made; therefore,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That Hon. C. H. Simonton and Hon. J. C. Sheppard, of the House of Representatives, and Hon. I. D. Witherspoon, of the Senate, be earnestly requested to revise said Rules and report the result of their labors to the General Assembly on the first day of the next session with such recommendations as to legislation necessary in the matter.

The following Bills were read the third time, titles severally changed to Acts, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification :

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Liberty, in the County of Pickens," approved March 2, 1876 ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to alter and amend the charter of the town of Seneca City, in the County of Oconee, and to reduce all Acts or parts of Acts in relation thereto into one Act ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to authorize Walker J. Brookes and other persons to construct gates across a public road ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to renew the charter of Stoney Bluff Ferry ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to release the lien of the State upon the hall of the Washington Race Course, Charleston, to the Agricultural Society of South Carolina ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to prevent fishing with nets in the fresh water streams of this State at certain seasons of the year,' and to extend the same to the Counties of Richland, Chester and Clarendon," approved December 20, 1878, so far as the same relates to the County of Chester ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to repeal so much of an Act to provide for the register of claims against the Counties of Sumter and Marlboro and to prescribe the order of their payment, approved March 22d, 1878, as relates to the County of Marlboro ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their respective Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to the upper part of the upper township of Richland County ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to amend an Act to define the duties of the Sinking Fund Commissioners in relation to the lands purchased by the Land Commission ;

A Bill to authorize and empower the County Commissioners for Greenville County to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of said County ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to provide for the payment of past due school claims for Barnwell County ;

A Bill (S. B.) (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Hamburg, in Aiken County ;"

A Bill (favorable) to regulate the classification of cotton in bales by railroads and other common carriers within this State ;

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws' and to provide for effectuating the same," approved December, 1875 ;

A Bill to establish polling precincts in Charleston County;

The following Joint Resolutions were severally read the third time and ordered to be enrolled for ratification :

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) for the relief of E. E. Dickson, ex-County Treasurer of Clarendon County, and the sureties on his official bond ;

A Joint Resolution (unfavorable) to relieve Adam R. Metts, of Lexington County, of legal disabilities ;

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg County to apply back taxes to the payment of past due school claims ;

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) (favorable) to allow the citizens of Middleton Township, in Sumter County, the benefits of the fence law ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein ;

A Joint Resolution in the County of Marlboro to pay claim of J. L. Breeden.

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of this State," approved March 1st, 1878 ;

A Bill to revive the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company ;

A Bill to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation to County Commissioners, their powers and duties, into one Act and to amend the same," approved April 13th, 1878 ;

A Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to reissue to H. D. Lesesue a new certificate of stock in lieu of one lost or destroyed.

The following Bills were ordered to be laid on the table :

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Richard S. Porcher a certain bond in lieu of the original lost or destroyed ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Comptroller General to draw his warrants on the Treasurer in order to have paid to the Railroad Commissioner that portion of the expenses of the office which the South Carolina Railroad failed to pay for the year 1879 ;

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the lien of executions ;
Resolution as to recess.

A Bill to provide for the registration of electors of the State in pursuance of the requirements of the Constitution was indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Committee on claim of Calvo & Patton was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to alter and amend the laws relating to the city of Charleston. Also,

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections."

The amendments were concurred in, the titles changed to Acts, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The following messages were received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Special Joint Committee of the two houses upon Message No. 2 of the Governor, concerning correspondence accompanying the gift of the portrait of Hon. John B. Gordon.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in the amendments of your honorable body to Bill to enable William H. Ingram, of Clarendon County, Francis F. Morgan, of Chester County, and James K. P. Goggans, of Newberry County, to apply for admission to the bar, and that it has been ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate sent to this House

A Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, for extra assessments in Edgefield County for the year 1879.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Camperdown Mills, in the State of South Carolina," approved December 22, 1875.

Which were read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company.

The House refused to concur in the Senate amendment, namely, adding Section 13, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. CALLISON presented the claims of J. D. Brown, Paul Ludwig and William Green, which were referred to the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

The SPEAKER presented the claim of R. L. Bryan, which was referred to the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

The following messages were received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in the amendments to a Bill to authorize Walker J. Brookes and other persons to construct gates across a public road, and has ordered the Bill to be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it refuses to concur in the Concurrent Resolution providing for a Committee to revise Rules of House of Representatives and Senate.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate that the House recedes from its opposition to a Bill to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within two miles of Honea Path, and that the Committee of Conference be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and the House has concurred in the Senate amendments.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following Bills as properly enrolled and ready for ratification :

An Act to incorporate the town of Hampton Court House ;

An Act to limit the plaintiff in an action for recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands ;

An Act to amend Part IV, Title I, Chapter CXXIX, and Section 9, of the General Statutes, relative to stealing crops from the field ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands of and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock," and to extend the same to Greenville County, and to certain townships in Pickens County ;

An Act respecting the mode of funding the debt of the County of Charleston and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same ;

An Act to amend Part IV, Title I, Chapter CXXVIII, and Section 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to obstructing railroads ;

An Act to continue in force an Act to extend the time for funding the unquestionable debt of this State.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be allowed H. M. Davidson, Clerk of the Committee of Ways and Means, for extra services performed by him, and the Speaker of this House is hereby authorized to draw his certificate in favor of said H. M. Davidson, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, to be countersigned by the Clerk of the House.

The Senate returned to this House with amendments :

A Bill to provide for the investment of the Agricultural College fund ; also,

A Bill to amend an Act, approved March 19, 1874, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part , of General Statutes, relating to repairs of highways and bridges ;" also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort ;" also,

A Bill to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds or stock.

The amendments were severally concurred in, the titles severally changed to Acts, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts providing for the assessment and taxation of property into one Act and to prescribe the manner in which taxes upon real and personal property and polls shall be assessed and collected, which was agreed to, and the Bill was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to provide for the registration of electors of this State in pursuance of the requirements of the Constitution was laid on the table.

Mr. HASKELL introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately;

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the General Assembly do take a recess from Tuesday, December 23, to Tuesday the 6th of January, 1880.

Mr. MURRAY moved to lay the resolution on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 74; nays, 13.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Clements, Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Edens, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hane, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Manigault, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKiesick, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Perry, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—74.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Barron, Bell, Brodie, Davies, Earle, Fox, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, Lambson, Maree, Minus, Shaw and Westberry.—13.

So the House agreed to the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. AUSTIN introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

Resolved, That J. P. Palmer, Mail Carrier of the House of Representatives, be paid twenty-five dollars additional out of the contingent fund of the House as extra pay for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the General Assembly take a recess from December 24, at 11 A. M., until December 31, at 2 P. M., in order to dispose of unfinished business.

Mr. BROWN moved to lay the motion on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 69; nays, 40.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Blakeney, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Clements, Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Eason, Edens, Ficken, Fox, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, Humbert, Keller, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, McKissick, Miles, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rodgers, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Skipper, Sojourner, Suber, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—69.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, Bacon, Beaty, Bell, Brodie, Cooke, Dargan, Davant, Deal, Davies, Earle, Elfe, Elkins, Frederick, Gantt, Gonzalez, Hane, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, J. A. Miller, T. E. Miller, Morrison, Muller, Shaw, B. Simmons, Smalls, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker and Westberry.—40.

So the House agreed to the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee on the Penitentiary, made a report on

A Bill to provide for the appointment of a Chaplain of the South Carolina Penitentiary, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MASSEY introduced the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to place an assistant at each of the railroad depots, with instructions to arrest any member that may attempt to leave the city.

Which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SEEGERS asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House claim of Mary Hunt.

On motion of Mr. DEWBERRY, the House recessed from business at 11.30 o'clock A. M. until 12.30 P. M.

RECESS.

The House reassembled at 12:30 P. M.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Senate sent to this House the following Concurrent Resolution:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the two bodies meet in Joint Assembly on Tuesday, 23d instant, at one o'clock, for the purpose of electing two Directors of the Penitentiary to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the terms of office of the Elou. W. K. Bradley and the Hon. E. S. Allen.

Which was considered immediately and agreed to and ordered to be returned to the Senate with concurrence.

Mr. McKISSICK, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report, which was agreed to :

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

The Conference Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives to whom was referred the differences of the two houses upon a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts and Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices, herein named," beg leave to report that they have met, and, after a careful consideration of all the differences, they have failed to agree, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

WM. N. TAFT,

Chairman of Committee on part of the Senate.

I. G. McKISSICK,

Chairman of Committee on the part of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the House receded from its amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee of Conference on a Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, made the following report :

The Committee of Conference of the two houses upon a Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, respectfully report that they have met and conferred, and make the recommendations following :

1. That the House concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate to the first line of the first Section increasing the sum appropriated for the education and judicial departments from \$104,834 to \$105,334.

2. That the House concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate in the fourth subdivision of the first Section by inserting \$1,500 instead \$1,250.

3. That the amendment proposed by the Senate to the third Section, providing for payment to certain County Auditors, be amended by add-

ing these words: "unless provision has otherwise been made for this purpose by this General Assembly."

4. That the House concur in the amendment proposed by the Senate to Section 5, in the appropriation for protecting the Penitentiary buildings against fire, for continuance of the work on the wall, and for the purchase of a cemetery. Also, for the salaries of Superintendent and of the Physician of the Penitentiary, and the increase of the aggregate consequent on this.

5. That in lieu of the amendment proposed by the House to the fifth Section, stricken out by the Senate, there be adopted the following:

"That the Regents of the Lunatic Asylum be, and they are hereby, authorized to call upon the Superintendent of the Penitentiary for a number of convicts, not exceeding forty in all, to be supplied by said Superintendent, if this can be done without breach of the contracts made by the State for the supply of convicts; and, also, for a sufficient quantity of granite and of bricks burned in the brick yard rented for the Penitentiary, said bricks to be charged against the Asylum at the rate of \$3.50 per thousand, and that an account be kept of the cost of food and for the guard of the convicts actually employed on the Asylum, to be charged against the Asylum, and to be paid for out of the funds of the Asylum appropriated for building purposes."

6. That the amendment proposed by the Senate to the eighth Section, appropriating \$5,000 to the Agricultural Bureau, be amended by adding the words "out of the funds received from phosphote royalties, as provided for by Acts passed at this session."

7. That the amendment proposed by the Senate to the House amendment to the fourteenth Section be amended by striking out the words "or to any increased expense occasioned by the contract of the State with Messrs. Thompson & Nagle."

That, so amended, the Act be ratified.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE JOHNSTONE,

Chairman House Committee.

ROBERT FISHBURNE,

Chairman Senate Committee.

The question being put, "Will the House agree to the report?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 47; nays, 36.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Bacon, Barron, Beasley, Blakeney, Bowman, Britton, Cannon, Clarkson, Cooke,

Eason, Edens, Elfe, Ficken, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Hane, Harper, Humbert, Johnstone, Keller, Lachicotte, Lambson, Manigault, Maree, McKissick, Miles, T. E. Miller, Minus, Morrison, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, J. Simons, Simon-ton, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—47.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. A. F. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Blue, Bowen, Brice, Buist, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, R. R. Hemphill, I. M. Hutson, Mattison, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, Richards, Rodgers, Shaw, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Trantham and Wilson.—36.

So the House agreed to the report, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The Senate returned to this House

A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879, with amendments.

The Senate had amended the Bill by striking out, in Section 1, the words "four and one-half mills" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "four and three-quarter mills;" also, by adding after the words "Friend street school house" the following: "That the County Commissioners of Charleston County be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to levy a tax on all the taxable property of the said County sufficient to raise the sum of three thousand dollars, which tax shall be paid at the same time with other taxes; the proceeds arising therefrom shall be held by the Treasurer of said County subject to the draft of the Major General commanding the First Division, and shall be apportioned as follows: The one-tenth part thereof to the use of the militia in said County without the city of Charleston, another tenth thereof to the use of the Fifth Regiment of the National Guard, and the remaining eight-tenths to be equally divided among the companies composing the Fourth Brigade by companies."

The House refused to concur in the above amendments, and a message was sent to the Senate notifying that body accordingly.

The House concurred in all other amendments to the Bill.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists on all of its amendments to "A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879," and respect-

fully requests that a Committee of Conference be appointed, and respectfully informs your honorable body that Messrs. Coker and Todd have been appointed on such Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The House consented to the appointment of a Joint Committee of Conference.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced Messrs. J. B. Cleveland, T. C. Moody and W. C. Brown the Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND, from the Joint Committee of Conference, made the following report, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

The Conference Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives on the differences between the two houses on a Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, respectfully recommend that the Senate recede from its amendment to Section 1, line 1, and to so much of Section 2 as relates to an appropriation of three thousand dollars to the militia of Charleston County, and that the House concur to all other amendments.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. CLEVELAND,
T. C. MOODY,
W. C. BROWN,
For the House of Representatives.
W. C. COKER,
R. P. TODD,
For the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Joint Committee of Conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on "A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879."

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the Bill was amended in conformity with the joint report of the Committee, the title thereof changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 14.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, December 23, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have the honor to report the pardons issued by me for the years 1878 and 1879.

W. D. SIMPSON,
Governor.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, S. C., November 10th, 1879.

His Excellency the Governor:

SIR—The following prisoners confined in the South Carolina Penitentiary have been pardoned by His Excellency William D. Simpson, Governor.

Respectfully submitted.

WADE H. MANNING,
Private Secretary.

William Woodle—Horse stealing. The prisoner Woodle was convicted of horse stealing at the September Term, 1877, of the Court of General Sessions for the County of Marlboro, and sentenced to confinement at hard labor in the Penitentiary for five years.

Pardon recommended by the Solicitor, and granted by the Governor December 23d, 1878.

William Gary—Grand larceny. At the February Term of the Court of General Sessions for the County of Laurens, in the year 1878, William Gary was convicted of grand larceny, and sentenced by Judge Kershaw to two years' hard labor in the Penitentiary.

Pardoned by the Governor upon recommendation of the Judge and Solicitor.

Pardon issued December 16, 1878.

Brooks Abrams—Grand larceny. Brooks Abrams was convicted of grand larceny at a Court of General Sessions for Newberry County, held September, 1877, and sentenced by Judge Mackey to confinement in the Penitentiary for five years.

Pardoned by Governor Simpson upon recommendation of the Judge and members of the General Assembly.

Pardon issued January 9, 1879.

Moses Richardson—Grand larceny.* Moses Richardson was tried before Judge W. H. Wallace at the Aiken Term of Court, June, 1878.

Pardoned by the Governor upon recommendation of the Judge and petition of citizens.

Pardon issued January 15th, 1879.

Warren McCrea was convicted of grand larceny at the August Term, 1877, of the Court of General Sessions in Williamsburg County, and sentenced by Judge Shaw for four years and six months.

Danderson Fowler was convicted of grand larceny at the February Term of the Court of General Sessions in Union County, His Honor Judge Northrop presiding, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for four years.

John Jackson was convicted of larceny from the freehold, September, 1877, of the Court of General Sessions in Kershaw County, and sentenced by Judge Townsend to five years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Seaborn McManus was convicted of conspiring to murder and assault with intent to kill, June Term, 1878, Lancaster County, before His Honor Judge Shaw, and sentenced to one year's confinement in the South Carolina Penitentiary.

John Culinck was convicted of grand larceny, March Term, 1878, Court of General Sessions in Sumter County, and sentenced by Judge Pressley to one year's confinement in the Penitentiary.

These pardons were granted by the Governor upon Surgeon's certificate and recommendation of the Superintendent of the South Carolina Penitentiary.

Pardoned January 23d, 1879.

Nelson Turner, *alias* Banks, was convicted of burglary and larceny at the February Term, 1877, Beaufort County, before Judge Wiggins, and sentenced to five years' confinement in the Penitentiary.

James Thompson was convicted of grand larceny in Laurens County, at the September Term, 1877, Judge Mackey presiding, and sentenced to four years' confinement in the Penitentiary.

Ephraim Torrence was convicted of burglary, in York County, April, 1878, before Judge Hudson, and sentenced to one (1) year's confinement in the South Carolina Penitentiary.

Pardoned by the Governor, and pardons recommended by the Superintendent and Surgeon of the South Carolina Penitentiary.

Isaac McIver was tried and convicted at the October Term of Court for the County of Darlington of stealing from the freehold in 1878, and sentenced by Judge Thomson to confinement in the Penitentiary.

Pardon recommended by the Judge who tried the case.

Fanny Hunter was tried and convicted of burglary committed in Anderson, September, 1878. Judge Hudson tried the case, recommended the pardon and the Governor signed it.

John Davis, charged with bigamy, was tried and convicted at the regular Term of Court for Clarendon County. Judge Wallace recommended the pardon, and, at the earnest request of the Judge, it was granted.

Judge Hamilton was tried before Judge Wallace for larceny in March, 1879, and, upon his recommendation, he was pardoned by the Governor April 4th, 1879.

Vernon Mack was found guilty at the February Term of Court for Anderson County, February, 1879, of riot, and assault with intent to kill, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the South Carolina Penitentiary. Judge Fraser tried the case, and he recommended the pardon, and it was granted.

Ben Gore was tried by Judge Northrop, convicted of grand larceny committed in Union County, and was pardoned upon the representation made by His Honor the Judge and by a petition of citizens.

Ben Somers—Malicious trespass and grand larceny, Colleton County. Judge W. H. Wallace recommended the pardon, and it was so ordered by the Governor.

J. W. Batson, County of Greenville, was tried and convicted before Judge Fraser of grand larceny and stealing from person, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Penitentiary. Pardoned upon recommendation of the Judge.

Charles Olson was tried and convicted of larceny, at Greenville, before His Honor Judge Fraser. There were no circumstances of aggravation in this case, and, on a petition signed by the Judge and citizens of Greenville, the Governor granted the pardon.

W. T. Prince was convicted at the November Term of the Court for the County of Horry. Pardoned by the Governor upon the recommendation of Judge Thomson.

P. B. Chappell, of Newberry County, was tried and convicted before Judge Pressley of stealing grain not yet severed from freehold. Sentenced by Judge Pressley to twelve months' imprisonment in the State Penitentiary. Pardoned by the Governor upon recommendation of the Judge, Superintendent of the Penitentiary and the Senator from Newberry County.

Robert Huggins, Jr., was convicted at the March Term of Court for Marion County of adultery. Pardoned upon recommendation of Judge Wallace and W. W. Sellers, Solicitor, September 30, 1879.

T. H. McFadden—Forgery. T. H. McFadden was convicted of forgery at February Term of Court, 1879, before His Honor Judge Mackey, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the South Carolina

Penitentiary. Pardon recommended by the Judge and by Mr. B. Pressley Barron, of Clarendon County.

Elias Stewart, of York County, was tried and convicted of burglary. The case was tried before His Honor Judge Aldrich, and prisoner was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary, September 5, 1878. He was pardoned on petition signed by His Honor the Judge, the citizens of York County and the prosecutor.

Hannah McEddy, an aged woman, was convicted at the October Term, 1878, for the County of Williamsburg, of stealing grain from the field. She was sentenced by Judge W. H. Wallace to one year's imprisonment in the Penitentiary. Pardoned by the Governor on petition of citizens and recommendation of His Honor the Judge.

Robert Smalls—Bribery. That at the November Term, 1877, of the Court of Common Pleas for Richland County, Robert Smalls was tried and convicted of bribery, and was thereupon sentenced to confinement at hard labor in the State Penitentiary for three years. Upon a strong petition presented he was pardoned by His Excellency the Governor.

F. L. Cardozo—Conspiracy. F. L. Cardozo, on petition of citizens and members of the Legislature, was pardoned by His Excellency the Governor April 23d, 1879.

WADE H. MANNING,
Private Secretary.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has adopted reports of the Senate Committee on Claims on reports of the House Committee on Claims on the following claims, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said claims for the reason "that a Joint Resolution has already been passed by the Senate and sent to the House providing for the payment of claims of this class:"

Report of Committee on Claims (House) on claim of Jack Lee for reward in the case of Isaac Turnage;

Report of Committee on Claims (House) on claim of W. H. McNair;

Report of Committee on Claims (House) on claim of A. L. Holly;

Report of Committee on Claims (House) on claim of John Kennerly.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Mr. MULLER, from the Committee on Accounts, made a favorable report on

Account of J. D. Brown ; also, on

Account of R. L. Bryan ; also, on

Account of William Green and Paul Ludwig.

The reports were considered immediately, agreed to, and the accounts ordered to be paid.

The following messages were received from the Senate: .

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that the message from your honorable body informing the Senate of concurrence on the part of the House of Representatives in a Concurrent Resolution "that the two houses meet in Joint Assembly on Tuesday, the 23d inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing two Directors of the Penitentiary to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the terms of office of the Hon. W. K. Bradley and the Hon. E. S. Allen," was received by the Senate too late to carry out the object of the resolution; and the Senate has ordered that a message be sent to your honorable body explaining why the Senate did not attend in the House of Representatives at the time appointed for holding said elections, and requesting that 9 o'clock to-night be fixed as the hour for holding said elections.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two houses on Bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the Bill was amended in accordance with the report of the Committee of Conference, the title thereof changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate sent to this House

Concurrent Resolution to adjourn *sine die* on Wednesday, the 24th instant, which was concurred in and ordered to be returned to the Senate, with concurrence.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Report of the Committee of the two houses upon Message No. 2 of His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be paid to R. Z. Harlee, Doorkeeper, and Coleman Beattie, porter for Committee, in addition to their present pay, out of the contingent fund, and certificates therefor be signed by the Speaker and countersigned by the Clerk of the House.

The Senate sent to this House the following message :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it desires your honorable body to attend in the Senate chamber at 8.30 o'clock this evening for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

A message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accepting the invitation.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill the better to protect those who make advances for agricultural purposes.

The amendments were concurred in, the title of the Bill changed to an Act, and the Act ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Concurrent Resolution as to examination of State Treasurer's books.

The SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen the Committee on the part of the House : Messrs. Kennedy and Bacon.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to fix the salaries of Trial Justices in Colleton and Marlboro Counties, and to authorize them to pay fines collected by them on the fees of their Constables.

The amendments were concurred in, the title of the Bill changed to an Act, and the Act ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to make certain changes in the voting precincts of the Counties therein named.

The amendments were agreed to, the title of the Bill changed to an Act, and the Act ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

On motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, the House recessed from business at 3 o'clock P. M., to meet at 6 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 6 o'clock P. M.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the two houses meet in Joint Assembly this day, 23d instant, for the purpose of electing a Commissioner of Agriculture and two members of the Board of Agriculture, immediately after the election of the Directors of the Penitentiary.

The Senate sent to this House the following resolution, which was considered immediately, was concurred in and returned to the Senate :

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a Commission consisting of Dr. Robert Lebbey, Wilmot G. DeSausure and Captain J. C. Post be, and the same is hereby, created for the purpose of selecting a suitable site for the Lazaretto of the post of Charleston, with authority to locate the same on any lands belonging to the State in or near the harbor of Charleston, and that they report the result of their action to the next General Assembly.

Also, the following, which was considered immediately, was concurred in and returned to the Senate :

Whereas the Hon. M. P. O'Connor, Representative in the Congress of the United States for this State, has introduced a Bill looking to the relief of real estate in the United States from discrimination against that species of property under the financial system of the Federal government :

1. *Be it resolved* by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That it is the sense of this General Assembly that the proposition to authorize the national banks to make loans upon mortgages upon real estate to the extent of twenty-five per cent. of their capital and supplies will greatly relieve the agricultural interest in this State and the entire country, and infuse new life and vigor into manufactures, commerce and every other material interest.

2. That we would be glad to see the efforts of Mr. O'Connor succeed.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that the Senate has receded from the amendment to a Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company by adding Section 13, as follows: "And that this charter shall continue for a term of ninety-nine years."

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the Bill was amended by striking out Section 13, the title of the Bill changed to an Act, and the Act ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it requests your honorable body to join with the Senate (immediately after the election of two Directors of the Penitentiary) for the purpose of electing a Commissioner of Agriculture and two members of the Agricultural Board.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Robert Aldrich to be paid claim against the State.

Also, sent to this House,

A Bill to establish and charter Jacksonboro Ferry, on the Edisto River, which was read the first time and rejected.

Also,

A Bill to amend the railroad laws of this State, which was read the first time and rejected.

Also,

A Bill to regulate the rendering of decisions by the Supreme Court, which was read the first time and rejected.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the Manning and Wright's Bluff Tram Road Company, which was read the first time and rejected.

Also,

A Bill to authorize and require the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary to hire to the Belton, Williamston and Easley Railroad Company one hundred and fifty or more convicts, for the period of three years, if required so long, which was read the first time and rejected.

Also,

A Bill to authorize Claus Koeper to construct a wharf in Charleston County, which was read the first time and rejected.

Also,

A Bill to alter and amend the laws relating to the city of Charleston, which was read the first time and rejected.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Eighth Circuit, which was read the first time and rejected.

Also,

A Bill to relieve the school claims of Aiken County for the fiscal years 1877 and 1878 of the operations of Section 40 of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the school law of South Carolina," approved March 22, 1872, which was read the first time and rejected.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Clarendon County to levy a special tax to pay claim of H. H. Lesesne, Sheriff of said County, which was read the first time and rejected.

The House attended in the Senate chamber, when the following Acts were ratified:

THE RATIFICATION OF ACTS.

The Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives attended in the Senate chamber at 8.30 P. M., and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified in the presence of both houses in Joint Assembly:

An Act to amend Part IV, Title I, of Chapter CXXIX, and of Section 9, of the Revised Statutes, relative to stealing crops from the field ;

An Act to limit the plaintiff in an action for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands ;

An Act to incorporate the town of Hampton Court House ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock," and to make the same apply to Spartanburg County and a portion of the County of Oconee ;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections ;"

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same,' " approved December, 1878 ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Liberty, in the County of Pickens," approved March 2, 1876 ;

An Act to create a Department of Agriculture, defining its purposes and duties, and charging it with the inspection of phosphates and the regulation of sale of commercial fertilizers ;

An Act to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence law and for effectuating the same." to the upper portion of Upper Township, Richland County, without an election ;

An Act to amend an Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to prevent fishing with nets in the fresh water streams of this State at certain seasons of the year, and to extend the same to the Counties of Richland, Chester and Clarendon,'" approved December 20, 1878, so far as it relates to the County of Chester ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg ;"

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Kershaw County to dispose of Wateree Free Bridge and for other purposes therein mentioned ;

An Act to provide for the investment and use of the Agricultural College fund ;

An Act to continue in force an Act extending the time for funding the unquestionable debt of this State ;

An Act to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds or stocks ;

An Act to incorporate the Greenville Merchants' and Cotton Exchange ;

An Act to incorporate the Southern Coast and River Navigation Company;

An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Cheraw and Chester Railroad Company," approved February 27, 1873;

An Act to amend Part IV, Title I, Chapter CXXVIII, Section 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to obstructing railroads;

An Act to fix and determine the quarantine anchorage and boarding station for Port Royal harbor, to render more efficient the quarantine service in the several ports of the State;

An Act to provide for the payment of past due school claims for Farnwell County;

An Act to renew the charter of Stoney Bluff Ferry;

An Act to amend an Act, No. 413, approved March 12, 1878, entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and compensation of Trial Justices and Constables in the County of Barnwell;"

An Act to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Aiken County to levy a special tax and to build a court house and remove the jail at the County seat of said County;

An Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Greenville County to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of said County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Edgefield Branch Railroad Company and to authorize the Town Council of Edgefield to issue bonds to aid in the construction of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned;"

Joint Resolution to authorize the School Commissioners of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein;

Joint Resolution to release the lien of the State upon the hall on the Washington Race Course, Charleston, to the Agricultural Society of South Carolina;

An Act to alter and amend the laws relating to the city of Charleston;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock," and to extend the same to Greenville County and certain townships in Pickens County;

Joint Resolution, proposing an amendment to Section 32, Article II, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, relating to a homestead, and providing that the benefits of the homestead exemption may be shared equally by all classes of citizens;

Joint Resolution for the relief of E. E. Dickson, ex-County Treasurer of Clarendon County, and the sureties on his official bond;

An Act to authorize the County Treasurer of Horry County to reimburse Josiah Cox, School Commissioner for said County, thirty-nine dollars out of the school fund of said County, money paid, by said Cox for enumeration of school children ;

Joint Resolution to allow the citizens of Middle Township, in Sumter County, the benefits of the fence laws ;

Joint Resolution to relieve J. W. Gilreath as lessee of the Saluda Gap Turnpike Road, in Greenville County ;

Joint Resolution, in the County of Marlboro, to pay claim of J. L. Breeden ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Williamsburg Railroad Company ;'"

An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company ;

An Act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in America.

All the Acts and Joint Resolutions ready for ratification having been duly ratified in the presence of both houses, the PRESIDENT *pro tem.* of the Senate announced the Joint Assembly dissolved, and the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives retired.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,
Concurrent Resolution relative to election by Joint Assembly.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 8:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

JOINT ASSEMBLY.

The PRESIDENT of the Senate took the chair and announced that agreeably to Concurrent Resolution the two houses had met in Joint Assembly for the purpose of electing two Directors of the State Penitentiary to fill the vacancies about to occur by the expiration of the terms of Messrs. W. K. Bradley and E. S. Allen, and announced that the chair was now ready to receive nominations.

Mr. EDENS nominated Hon. C. S. McCall, of Marlboro County.

Mr. WATTS seconded the nomination of Mr. McCall.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON nominated Hon. Robert Fishburne, of Colleton County.

Mr. COOKE seconded the nomination of Mr. Fishburne.

Mr. TODD (Senator) nominated Hon. D. F. Bradley, of Pickens County.

Mr. BROWN seconded the nomination of Mr. Bradley.

Mr. AUSTIN nominated Mr. E. S. Allen, of Spartanburg County.

Mr. W. K. BRADLEY seconded the nomination of Mr. Allen.

Mr. Coker was appointed teller on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Barron and J. C. Anderson, tellers on the part of the House of Representatives.

The Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, when the members present voted *viva voce*.

The Clerk of the House called the roll, when the members present voted *viva voce*.

The tellers reported that the total number of votes cast was..139
Necessary to a choice..... 70

That Mr. D. F. Bradley had received.....96 votes.
That Mr. C. S. McCall had received.....95 votes.
That Mr. Robert Fishburne had received.....51 votes.
That Mr. E. S. Allen had received.....36 votes.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT announced that Mr. D. F. Bradley, of Pickens County, and Mr. C. S. McCall, of Marlboro County, having received a majority of the total number of votes cast, were duly elected Directors of the South Carolina Penitentiary.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Joint Assembly then proceeded to the election of a Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. KENNEDY nominated Hon. A. P. Butler, of Aiken County.

Mr. McQUEEN (Senator) seconded the nomination of Mr. Butler.

The same tellers were appointed.

The Clerk of the Senate called the roll, when the Senators present voted *viva voce*.

The Clerk of the House called the roll, when the members present voted *viva voce*.

The tellers reported that the total number of votes given was 122
Necessary to a choice..... 63
That Hon. A. P. Butler had received.....122 votes.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT announced that Hon. A. P. Butler, having received the whole number of votes cast, was unanimously elected Commissioner of Agriculture.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of two members of the Agricultural Board.

Mr. PATTERSON (Senator) nominated Mr. W. G. Hinson, of Charleston.

Mr. MILES seconded the nomination of Mr. Hinson.

Mr. BLUE nominated Hon. W. D. Johnson, of Marion County.

Mr. MEETZE (Senator) seconded the nomination of Mr. Johnson.

Mr. BUIST nominated Mr. A. S. J. Perry, of Charleston.

Mr. CALLISON seconded the nomination of Mr. Perry.

The same tellers were appointed.

The Clerk of the Senate called the roll, when the Senators present voted *viva voce*.

The Clerk of the House called the roll, when the members present voted *viva voce*.

The tellers reported that the total number of votes given was 128

Necessary to a choice..... 65

That Hon. W. D. Johnson had received..... 123 votes.

That Hon. A. S. J. Perry had received..... 97 votes.

That W. G. Hinson had received..... 51 votes.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT announced that Hon. W. D. Johnson, of Marion County, and Hon. A. S. J. Perry, of Charleston, were duly elected.

The PRESIDENT then announced that the Joint Assembly was dissolved, and the Senate retired to their Chamber.

The following message was received from the Governor :

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR No. 15.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

COLUMBIA, December 23, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly :

I have this day approved an Act to create a Department of Agriculture, defining its purposes and duties and charging it with the inspection of phosphates and the regulation of sales of commercial fertilizers.

W. D. SIMPSON,

Governor.

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Whereas the special Committee in the matter of Hastings Gantt has been unable, up to this time, though using extraordinary diligence, to report upon this case ; and

Whereas our time is so limited and our business so pressing that we cannot now give to this important subject the consideration its gravity demands; therefore,

Be it resolved That the Committee be discharged.

Mr. MASSEY, from the joint Committee on Public Printing, made the following report, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

The Committee on Public Printing of the Senate and House of Representatives respectfully report that, under the provisions of an Act to provide for and regulate the public printing of South Carolina, approved June 8, 1877, they have met jointly and carefully considered all the proposals submitted for the public printing, to wit, the proposals of James Woodrow and Messrs. Calvo & Patton. That the proposal of James Woodrow being most advantageous to the State, he being the lowest bidder for the work to be done, the Committees have awarded him the contract for two years, beginning with the opening session of the next ensuing General Assembly.

The prices at which the work is to be done are as follows:

Fifty (50) copies per day of the Senate Calendar, at 80 cents per page.

One hundred and fifty (150) copies per day of the House Calendar, at 88 cents per page.

Fifty (50) copies per day of the Senate Journal, at 80 cents per page.

One hundred and fifty (150) copies of the House Journal, at 88 cents per page.

Fifty (50) copies per day of the Senate Resolutions, at 80 cents per page.

One hundred and fifty (150) copies per day of the House Resolutions, at 88 cents per page.

Fifty copies per day of the Senate Bills, at \$1.30 per page.

One hundred and fifty copies per day of the House Bills, at \$1.40 per page.

Fifteen hundred copies of the Governor's Message, with paper covers, for the use of the Legislature and the Executive Department, at 75 cents per page.

Three hundred copies each of the Reports of the State Treasurer, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller General, Adjutant and Inspector General, and Superintendent of Education, at 95 cents per page.

Three hundred copies each of the Reports of the various public institutions, such as Penitentiary, Orphan Asylum, Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute, Lunatic Asylum, &c., at 95 cents per page.

Two thousand five hundred copies of the Acts and Joint Resolutions, three hundred copies of which shall be bound in calf, two hundred copies in cloth, with leather backs and corners, and two thousand copies to be bound in paper covers, at \$4.65 per page.

Five hundred copies each of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives—half of each to be bound in cloth, with leather backs and corners, and the remainder in paper covers—at 95 cents per page.

Five hundred copies of the Reports and Resolutions—one-half to be bound in cloth, with leather backs and corners, and the remainder in paper covers—at 95 cents per page.

No additional charge for rule and figure work.

Respectfully submitted.

D. F. BRADLEY,

Chairman Senate Committee.

B. H. MASSEY,

Chairman House Committee.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported the following Acts as properly enrolled and ready for ratification :

An Act to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidated bonds or stock ;

A Joint Resolution to relieve J. W. Gilreath as lessee of the Saluda Gap Turnpike Road, in Greenville County ;

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Kershaw County to dispose of Wateree Free Bridge and for other purposes therein mentioned ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Williamston Railroad Company ;"

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections ;"

An Act to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Aiken County to levy a special tax and to build a court house and remove the jail at the County seat of said County ;

An Act to provide for the payment of the Board of School Examiners for Kershaw County for services rendered in the investigation of the past school indebtedness of said County and for other purposes ;

An Act to provide for the investment and use of the Agricultural College fund ;

An Act to incorporate the Southern Coast and River Navigation Company ;

An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Cheraw and Chester Railroad Company," approved February 27, 1873 ;

An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer of Horry County to reimburse Josiah Cox, School Commissioner for said County, \$39 out of the school fund of said County, money paid by said Cox for enumeration of school children;

An Act to incorporate the Greenville Merchants' and Cotton Exchange;

An Act to amend an Act, No. 413, approved March 12, 1878, entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and compensation of Trial Justices and Constables in the County of Barnwell."

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Concurrent Resolution instructing in relation to the State Military Academy.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, it was ordered that when this House adjourn it be adjourned to meet to-morrow five minutes after 12 o'clock A. M.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 16.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1879.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I have this day approved the following Acts and Joint Resolutions:

An Act to amend an Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Second Circuit;

An Act to prohibit the running of freight trains, and to regulate the running of passenger and mail trains on Sunday;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved 20th December, 1878;

An Act to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg and Greenville Counties to apply all back taxes due from the Air Line Railroad or any other back taxes which are now due said County to the payment of the bonds of said Counties;

An Act to incorporate the Merchants' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association of Charleston;

An Act to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of the school districts in the Counties of Greenville, Beaufort, Richland, Lexington and Charleston," approved December 24th, 1878;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to levy and collect a special tax to pay the past due indebtedness of said County, and to regulate the manner of disbursing the same;

An Act to authorize the formation of an independent battalion on James Island, John's Island, Wadmalaw Island and Edisto Island, to form a part of the volunteer troops of South Carolina;

An Act to declare public a certain road in Orangeburg County;

An Act to amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act to amend Chapter XLV, Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repair of highways and bridges in Charleston County;

An Act to change the name of the Belton, Williamston and Easley Railroad Company and to amend the charter thereof;

An Act to protect the rights of creditors of joint stock companies and to regulate the same;

An Act to amend the charter of the Union Bank;

An Act to alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia, in reference to the poor of said city;

An Act to fix the time for legislative enactments to take effect;

An Act to require railroads to furnish consignees an itemized statement of freight charges, and requiring them to settle according to the bill of lading;

An Act to amend Section 250, Chapter IV, Title VII, Part II, of the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of attachments;

An Act to require the County Treasurers of the respective Counties within this State to attend at certain places for the collection of taxes;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend an Act to incorporate the town of Marion and for other purposes therein mentioned," approved March 13, 1872;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to accelerate the proceedings of actions for partition," being Act No. 636, approved December 23, 1878;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C.;"

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to establish Stanley's Ferry, over Waccamaw River, in Horry County :"

An Act to establish and charter Higgins and Banta's Ferry, at Star Bluff, over Waccamaw River, in Horry County ;

An Act to renew the charter of the town of Beaufort ;

An Act to incorporate the House of Rest Charity ;

An Act to amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and renew the charter of the town of Darlington ;"

An Act to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to open and declare as public highways certain roads in Barnwell County ;

An Act to exempt from taxation certain lots of land being in the corporate limits of Walhalla, in the County of Oconee ;

An Act renouncing, releasing and relinquishing a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Legislature of South Carolina, under the will of John Blair and of Mrs. Nancy Blair, his wife ;

An Act to reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work on the public roads in Anderson, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Greenville, Barnwell, Colleton, Lancaster and Kershaw Counties ;

An Act to release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railroad Company from the payment of certain taxes ;

An Act to further amend an Act to incorporate the town of Batesburg, in the County of Lexington, approved May 31st, 1877 ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Pee Dee Agricultural and Mechanical Association," approved February 27th, 1873 ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Gilbert Hollow, in the County of Lexington," being Act No. 640, approved 23d December, 1878 ;

An Act to amend Section 5 of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate certain towns and villages, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted," ratified January 28, 1860 ;

An Act to further amend the criminal law ;

An Act authorizing the Governor to pay certain claims accruing since the 1st day of November, 1876, from the unexpended balance of the contingent fund of the Governor for the past fiscal year ;

An Act to recharter a ferry across Catawba River, between the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, to be known as Brown's Ferry, and to vest the same in William McD. Brown and Francis W. Cureton ;

An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands ;

An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXVIII, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestate estates ;

An Act to authorize Mrs. C. A. Campbell to establish a wharf at the landing on the East side of Edisto River, known as the Campbell Ferry ;

An Act to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Chester County to transfer certain shares of stock in the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad Company to the Boards of School Trustees of Chester County ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reimburse the County of Richland for expenses incurred in the trial of persons tried for crimes committed while such persons were officers of the State," approved March 1st, 1878 ;

An Act to amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXII, Part III, of the General Statutes, relating to claim and delivery of personal property ;

An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Presbytery of Enoree of the Presbyterian Church of the United States ;

An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Spartanburg and Augusta Railroad Company ;"

An Act to establish and charter Watt's Ferry, across Saluda River ;

An Act to provide for the more efficient performance of his duty by the School Commissioner of Charleston County ;

An Act to repeal Section 2 relating to text books in the public schools, Chapter XXXVII of the Revised Statutes ;

An Act to enable citizens of this State to apply for admission to the bar ;

An Act in reference to the past indebtedness of Sumter County ;

An Act to provide for the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County ;

An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding due school claims in Oconee County ;

An Act to incorporate the Georgetown Telegraph Company of South Carolina ;

An Act to organize the office of the Coroner of Charleston County and to fix the pay and expenses thereof ;

An Act to incorporate the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Charleston ;

An Act to amend Section 4, Chapter CIV, of the General Statutes, in relation to the time within which Justices of the Supreme Court shall qualify ;

An Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston ;

An Act to incorporate the Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charleston ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide more expeditiously for the payment of the outstanding past due school claims in

Williamsburg, Lexington, Marlboro, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Georgetown, Charleston, Richland and Aiken Counties," approved December 23, 1878 ;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Pickens and Oconee Counties to apply all back taxes due to said Counties from the Air Line Railroad to the past indebtedness of the said Counties and for other purposes ;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within the State," approved March 18th, 1878, so far as it relates to the Counties of Georgetown and Richland ;

An Act to authorize William Howell and his wife Hannah Harriet Howell to adopt and make their lawful heir Mary Caroline Howell ;

An Act to amend part I, Title I, Chapter XXX of the Revised Statutes, relating to the disposition of the books of a Trial Justice's office that has become vacant ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to remedy and supply the loss of public records and to perpetuate testimony in regard to deeds, mortgages, settlements and other papers lost by fire at Abbeville," approved February 27th, 1873 ;

Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution to amend Joint Resolution entitled 'Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds in lieu of bonds lost or destroyed,'" approved December 14, 1878, and Joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue bonds lost or destroyed," approved March 22, 1878 ;

Joint Resolution to empower the Comptroller General to issue a warrant in payment of the claim of Josiah Doar & Co., of Georgetown, for advertising sale of forfeited lands in 1876 ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Colleton County to levy an additional tax of one mill for building bridges of twenty feet span and over that size ;

Joint Resolution authorizing and empowering the County Treasurer of Horry County to pay out certain funds in the treasury of said County ;

Joint Resolution to provide for the payment of the claims of certain County Auditors in this State for services rendered after the expiration of their terms of office ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to pay the checks issued by the Clerks of the two houses in lieu of all stationery and postage for the regular session of 1879 ;

Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Comptroller General to issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum of five hundred dollars in favor of Mrs. Isabella Werner and children in payment of the balance due for cast iron Palmetto tree ;

Joint Resolution authorizing and empowering the County Treasurer of Beaufort County to pay out certain surplus funds now on hand ;

Joint Resolution to authorize and require the Comptroller General to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of T. L. Weston, ex-Treasurer of Chesterfield County, for taxes overpaid by him to the State for the fiscal year 1874 ;

Joint Resolution to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Georgetown County to pay the past indebtedness of said County for the fiscal year 1878 out of the surplus funds now on hand ;

Joint Resolution to complete the correction of the books of the Comptroller General and the State Treasurer, directed by the last General Assembly ;

Joint Resolution to provide for the repairing and improvement of the Executive mansion and grounds ;

Joint Resolution authorizing the State Reporter to prepare an index to Volume XVI of the Statutes of this State ;

Joint Resolution to pay to the widow and daughter of the late General R. H. Anderson the balance of the salary he would have been entitled to as Phosphate Agent for one year had he survived for that length of time ;

Joint Resolution requiring County Treasurers to pay out school funds remaining in their hands from previous years to school expenses of current year ;

Joint Resolution requiring the Comptroller General to draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer in favor of the executor of the late J. S. G. Richardson for the amount accruing to his account as State Reporter from the time of his death to the day of the qualification of his successor.

Very respectfully,

W. D. SIMPSON, Governor.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the House was adjourned at 11.30 o'clock P. M., to meet to-morrow at five minutes after 12 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1879.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, Resolutions, motions, and such like papers.

The SPEAKER called for reports of standing Committees.

The following Bills were read the third time, the titles changed to Acts, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of this State," approved March 1st, 1878 ;

A Bill to revive the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company ;

A Bill to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation to County Commissioners, their powers and duties, into one Act, and to amend the same," approved April 13th, 1878 ;

A Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to reissue to H. D. Lesesne a new certificate of stock in lieu of one lost or destroyed.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments, the claim of the Kershaw Gazette.

The amendments were agreed to.

The House recessed from business at 1.30 o'clock A. M. until 8 o'clock A. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 8 o'clock A. M.

The Senate sent to this House the following Concurrent Resolution :

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, instructed to insure the property of the State situated in the town of Beaufort, known as Block No. 2, Plat United States District Commission.

Resolved, further, That the Hon. John R. Cochran, late Chairman of Joint Investigating Committee on Alleged Frauds, &c., be, and he is hereby, instructed to deposit in the office of Secretary of State, all immunity papers held by him, upon receiving a receipt from the Secretary of State therefor.

Resolved, further, That the State Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to return to Josephus Woodruff, or his attorney, big bonanza warrants to the amount of \$611,430; and in the event of said warrants being canceled, to issue in lieu thereof deficiency bonds or stock for the amount of said warrant.

Resolved, further, That the Attorney General be, and is hereby, instructed to institute legal proceedings on behalf of the State for the recovery of bonanza warrants, amounting to \$1,559, said warrants being the property of the State, turned over by W. B. Nash and funded by C. J. Iredell.

Resolved, further, That the Secretary of State be, and is hereby, instructed to turn over to Woodruff & Jones the books in his office belonging to them after the evidence belonging to the State shall have been taken from the said books.

On motion of Mr. BUIST, the House went into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. James Simons in the chair.

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following preamble and resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

Whereas it is the feeling of this House that before its adjournment there should be a public expression of its appreciation of the able, courteous and impartial manner in which our Speaker, Hon. J. C. Sheppard, has discharged the duties of his high office; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That this House takes pleasure in manifesting its sense of the ability, courtesy and impartiality which has been exhibited by the Hon. J. C. Sheppard in the discharge of his duties and in acknowledging the many acts of courtesy which he has extended to the members of this body, and expresses the hope that his career in the future may be as bright and auspicious as it has been in the past.

And the House arose and the Speaker took the chair.

Mr. SIMONS, from the Committee of the Whole, reported the above proceedings, to which the Speaker responded.

The Senate sent to this House the following message:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 24, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it requests your honorable body to attend in the Senate chamber this day, at 10:15 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

A message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accepting the invitation.

The Senate sent to this House

Report of the Committee on Claims on claims of Godfrey A. Harman and Messrs. Calvo & Patton, which were considered immediately, were concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the Senate.

The House attended in the Senate chamber, when the following Acts were ratified :

THE RATIFICATION OF ACTS.

The Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives attended in the Senate chamber and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified in the presence of both houses in Joint Assembly :

An Act to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds or stocks ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C.;"

An Act to authorize Claus Koeper to construct a wharf in Charleston County ;

An Act to fix the salary of Trial Justices in Colleton and Marlboro Counties, and to authorize them to pay fines collected by them on the fees of their Constables ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ninety-Six ;"

An Act to regulate the election of Intendant and Wardens of the town of Walterboro, S. C. ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the cost and fees of Clerks of Courts and Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices herein mentioned ;"

An Act to renew the charter of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company ;

An Act respecting the mode of funding the debt of the County of Charleston and for the payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the same ;

An Act to better protect those who make advances for agricultural purposes ;

An Act to provide for the payment of the Board of School Examiners of Kershaw County for services rendered in investigation of the past school indebtedness of said County, and for other purposes ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Comptroller General to make abatements of taxes," approved 1874 ;

An Act to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879 ;

An Act to make appropriations for the per diem, mileage and stationery certificates of the members of the General Assembly, the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof, and for other objects herein named ;

An Act to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the State government for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879 ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the annual levy of a tax of one mill in the County of Kershaw for the payment of the past school indebtedness of said County ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer of Union County to apply the two mill school tax and poll tax collected for the fiscal year 1877, and turned over to him by his predecessor, to the payment of past due school claims of said County ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg County to apply back taxes to the payment of past due school claims ;

Joint Resolution to relieve Adam R. Wells, of Lexington County, of legal disabilities ;

Joint Resolution to provide for the repairing and improvement of the Executive mansion and grounds ;

Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to reissue to H. D. Lesesne a new certificate of stock in lieu of one lost or destroyed ;

An Act to incorporate the town of Blythewood, in the County of Fairfield ;

An Act to revive the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort ;"

An Act to renew and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the town of Hamburg in Aiken County ;"

An Act to provide for the establishment of a new school district in the town of Marion, in the County of Union, and the town of Johnston's, in County of Edgefield, and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax ;

An Act to amend "An Act to define the duties of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in relation to the lands purchased by the Land Commissioner." approved December 24, 1878 ;

An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Seneca City, in the County of Oconee, and to reduce all Acts or parts of Acts in relation thereto into one Act ;

An Act to incorporate the Mount Dearborn Manufacturing Company ;

An Act to declare the law in relation to liens on real estate ;

An Act to change the name of Joseph P. Graham to Joseph P. Martin, and to permit him to inherit from Thomas H. Martin and Matilda Martin, or either of them, if either of them die intestate ;

An Act to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits within the town of Honea Path and Pickens Court House, and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof ;

An Act to recharter White Hall Ferry, in Beaufort County, and to amend the same ;

An Act to conform the charters of all corporations incorporated by general or special Acts to the provisions of the Constitution of the State ;

An Act to amend an Act approved March 19th, 1874, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repair of highways and bridges ;

An Act to establish and charter the Charleston and Cainhoy Ferry Company ;

An Act to incorporate the Williston Baptist Church, in Barnwell County ;

An Act to vest in James T. Todd the right to open Brown Swamp, in Horry County, for navigation of logs, timber and timber flats ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a new judicial and election County from a portion of the County of Beaufort, to be known as Hampton County ;"

An Act to authorize the appointment of an additional Trial Justice for the Counties herein named ;

An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Rock Hill ;

An Act to incorporate the Chester Cotton Manufacturing Company ;

An Act to enable William H. Ingram, of Clarendon County, C. W. Meynardie and Francis T. Morgan, both of Chester County, and James K. P. Goggans, of Newberry County, J. S. Murray, Jr., of Anderson County, F. H. Wardlaw, of Edgefield County, H. F. Wilson, of Sumter County, and S. M. Breeden and W. L. Thomas, of Marlboro County, to apply for admission to the bar ;

An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the number and pay of Trial Justices in Greenville County," approved December 20, 1878 ;

An Act to provide artificial limbs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs or arms during military service in the years, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865 ;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Magnolia, in Sumter County ;"

An Act to fix the time for advertising personal property before sale ;

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An Act to fix the time for advertising personal property before sale ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Westminster, in the County of Oconee," approved March 17, 1875 ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of this State," approved March 1, 1878 ;

An Act to establish polling precincts in Charleston County ;

An Act in relation to the Church Home, incorporated by Act of the General Assembly, passed 16th day of December, A. D. 1852, and to confirm the acts of the Council of the same ;

An Act to authorize Walter J. Brookes, John Taylor and J. R. Wilson and other persons to construct gates across public roads ;

An Act to alter and amend the charter of the city of Greenville, S. C. ;

An Act to incorporate the Cedar Shoal Manufacturing Company, of Chester, S. C. ;

An Act to repeal an Act, No 708, entitled "An Act to establish a public road in Barnwell and Orangeburg Counties," approved December 24, 1878.

An Act to make certain changes in the voting precincts of the Counties therein named ;

An Act to amend Section 21 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation to County Commissioners, their powers and duties into one Act, and to amend the same," approved April 13, 1875 ;

An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Edgefield.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1880.

Pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency Governor W. D. Simpson, Governor of the State of South Carolina, the General Assembly convened in the Capitol, in the city of Columbia, this day, February 10th, A. D. 1880.

The Clerk of the House called the roll at 12 o'clock M., when the following members answered to their names and took their seats:

From the County of Abbeville,

Mr. H. H. HARPER,
Mr. J. H. RICE,
Mr. W. K. BRADLEY,
Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL.

From the County of Aiken,

Mr. JAMES ALDRICH,
Mr. JOHN M. BELL.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1880.

From the County of Anderson,

Mr. JOHN WILSON,
Mr. W. C. BROWN,
Mr. E. B. MURRAY.

From the County of Barnwell,

Mr. D. P. SOJOURNER,
Mr. ISAAC M. HUTSON,
Mr. JOHN C. DAVANT,
Mr. W. B. RICE.

From the County of Beaufort,

From the County of Charleston,

Mr. CHARLES H. SIMONTON,
Mr. G. LAMB BUIST,
Mr. WILLIAM HENDERSON,
Mr. J. FRANCIS BRITTON,
Mr. C. R. MILES,
Mr. JAMES SIMONS,
Mr. C. R. CASSIDY,
Mr. A. S. J. PERRY,
Mr. JOHN F. FICKEN,
Mr. JOHN GONZALEZ,
Mr. GEORGE R. WALKER,
Mr. J. B. WIGGINS,
Mr. WILLIAM SMALLS,
Mr. J. M. EASON.

From the County of Chester,

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL,
Mr. O. BARBER,
Mr. A. F. ANDERSON.

From the County of Chesterfield,

Mr. D. T. REDFEARN.
Mr. JOHN S. MILLER.

From the County of Clarendon,

Mr. JOHN PETER RICHARDSON.

From the County of Colleton,

Mr. W. S. MINUS,
Mr. J. N. CUMMINGS,
Mr. C. G. HENDERSON,
Mr. J. R. P. FOX.

From the County of Darlington,

Mr. J. W. BEASLEY.

From the County of Edgefield,

Hon. J. C. SHEPPARD, Speaker,
Mr. H. A. SHAW,
Mr. WILLIAM HALTIWANGER,
Mr. JAMES CALLISON,
Mr. W. S. ALLEN.

From the County of Fairfield,

Mr. R. C. CLOWNEY,
Mr. T. S. BRICE,
Mr. H. A. GAILLARD.

From the County of Georgetown,

Mr. ARTHUR M. MANIGAULT.

From the County of Greenville,

Mr. W. C. CLEVELAND,
Mr. M. L. DONALDSON,
Mr. T. H. COOKE.

From the County of Horry,

Mr. A. H. SKIPPER,
Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON.

From the County of Hampton,

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON,
Mr. JOHN T. MORRISON.

From the County of Kershaw,

Mr. L. B. STEPHENSON,
Mr. W. D. TRANTHAM.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1880.

From the County of Lancaster,

Mr. JOHN M. BEATY.

From the County of Laurens,

Mr. J. WASH WATTS,
Mr. J. B. HUMBERT,
Mr. D. W. ANDERSON.

From the County of Lexington,

Mr. G. LEAPHART,
Mr. G. MULLER.

From the County of Marion,

Mr. W. M. DAVIS,
Mr. J. G. BLUE,
Mr. T. C. MOODY.

From the County of Marlboro,

Mr. T. N. EDENS,
Mr. P. M. HAMER.

From the County of Newberry,

Mr. W. M. DORROH,
Mr. GEORGE JOHNSTONE.

From the County of Oconee,

Mr. GEORGE R. CHERRY,
Mr. JOEL BEARD.

From the County of Orangeburg,

Mr. J. S. BOWMAN,
Mr. M. J. KELLER,
Mr. B. G. FREDERICK,
Mr. IRA T. SHOEMAKER.

From the County of Pickens,

Mr. W. T. BOWEN,
Mr. R. A. CHILD.

From the County of Richland,

Mr. JOHN E. BACON,
Mr. E. McC. CLARKSON,
Mr. J. C. SEEGERs,
Mr. JOHN A. ELKINS,
Mr. JOHN C. HASKELL.

From the County of Spartanburg,

Mr. JOHN C. ANDERSON,
Mr. JOHN DEWBERRY,
Mr. JOHN W. CARLISLE,
Mr. JOHN B. CLEVELAND.

From the County of Sumter,

Mr. W. D. SCARBORO,
Mr. J. J. DARGAN,
Mr. JOSEPH A. EARLE,
Mr. J. W. WESTBERRY.

From the County of Union,

From the County of Williamsburg,

Mr. J. R. LAMBSON,
Mr. Z. R. FULMORE,
Mr. GEORGE R. GRAHAM.

From the County of York,

Mr. B. H. MASSEY,
Mr. PETER GARRISON,
Mr. C. L. McNEEL,
Mr. J. A. DEAL.

From the County of Union,

Mr. J. G. McKISSICK,
Mr. JOHN C. RICHARDS,
Mr. B. H. RICE.

The Clerk announced a quorum present.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Wm. Martin.

The Clerk read the following Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBIA, January 26, 1880.

Whereas, by the Constitution of this State, it is required that "the General Assembly shall provide for an annual tax sufficient to defray the estimated expenses of the State for each year"; and whereas the Supreme Court, in its opinion this day filed, in the case of the State *ex rel.* the Attorney General *vs.* Johnson Hagood, Comptroller General of the State of South Carolina, has pronounced Section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879," "invalid," and so much of Section 11 of said Act as makes provision for the Charleston military organizations "without the force of law," which leaves the Executive officers powerless to levy and collect a tax for State purposes for the current fiscal year;

Now, in the judgment of the Executive, in view of the above recited facts, an "extraordinary occasion" has arisen which requires the General Assembly to be convened.

Therefore, I, William D. Simpson, Governor of the State of South Carolina, by virtue of the power vested in me by Section 16, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State, do issue this my proclamation, directing the honorable the Senators and members of the House composing the General Assembly to attend in their respective legislative chambers on Tuesday, February the 10th, next, at 12 M., there to take into consideration the matters herein above referred to.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at Columbia, this 26th day [L. s.] of January, A. D. 1880, and in the one hundred and fourth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. D. SIMPSON, Governor.

By the Governor:

R. M. SIMS, Secretary of State.

The Clerk of the Senate appeared at the bar of the House and announced orally that the Senate had met, a quorum being present, and was ready to proceed with the business of the General Assembly.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to notify the Senate in person that the House, in pursuance of the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, had met, that a quorum is present, and ready to proceed to business.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, Resolutions, motions such like papers, in the order of Counties.

Mr. MURRAY asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce, without previous notice,

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also,

Presented the petition of Hon. J. P. Reed for payment of salary due him as Circuit Judge prior to November 1, 1876, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. ALDRICH introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

This General Assembly having been convened in extra session because of certain errors in the enrollment of the Act to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, the session should continue no longer than will be necessary for the correction of these errors.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That this General Assembly will adjourn *sine die* on Saturday next, 14th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

Mr. SIMONTON presented the petition of Charles A. McHugh and Henry Edmund Ravenel in the matter of a digest of the South Carolina Reports, (new series,) prepared and published by them, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice of a Resolution to suspend the thirtieth, fiftieth and fifty-second Rules of the House for this session.

Mr. CALLISON introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That no Bill or Resolution looking to general, special or local legislation shall be received, entertained or enacted during this session except that named in the Governor's Proclamation convening the General Assembly in extra session.

Mr. ALLEN asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce, without previous notice,

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to juries and jurors, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL presented the account of the Abbeville Medium, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. SEEGERs asked and obtained leave of the House to withdraw from the files of the House

Claim of Thomas Thackham.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Eighth Circuit.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a Special Committee of five members, who shall be instructed to inquire and report if it be competent for the House to resume the consideration of the unfinished business of the last session.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as the Committee :

Messrs. Simonton, Johnstone, Gaillard, Murray and Blue.

Mr. BUIST introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be, and he is hereby, instructed not to issue certificates to members for stationery.

Also,

Presented the petition of W. P. Russell & Co., manufacturers of Charleston, S. C., for rebates and other relief, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

Petition of Hon. W. M. Thomas for arrears of salary as Judge of the Sixth Circuit, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MULLER presented the petition of certain citizens of Lexington County, praying an Act of incorporation for the village of Peake's Station, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. SIMONTON moved that a Committee of three be appointed to wait on the Governor and notify him that the House of Representatives had met, a quorum being present, and was ready to receive any communication he may have to transmit.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen of the Committee: Messrs. Simonton, J. J. Hemphill and A. M. Manigault.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor, made a report and reported that the Governor would communicate with the House forthwith.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 1.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 10, 1880.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

Shortly after the adjournment of the General Assembly on the 24th of December last, it was discovered that the Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing 1st November, 1879," as ratified, approved and with the great seal of the State attached, differed in several important particulars from the Bill which had actually passed the General Assembly, and which had been ordered to be enrolled and ratified as the Act to raise supplies for said fiscal year.

In the first Section of the Act which passed the General Assembly a levy of four and one-half mills had been directed for State purposes. In the enrolled Act, the words "four and one-half" had been stricken out and the words "four and three-fourths" had been inserted, and in the second Section a levy of three thousand dollars for the benefit of the Fourth Brigade in Charleston had been inserted after the passage of the Bill. These errors occurred, no doubt, by mistake in the engrossing, and, not being discovered at the time, the title of the Bill was changed to that of an Act and it was ratified with these mistakes incorporated.

Upon this discovery being made, grave doubts were raised and expressed in many quarters as to the validity of this Act, calculated to embarrass the collection of the taxes and impede the regular operations of the fiscal department. On this account, after consultation between the Comptroller General, the Attorney General and myself, it was concluded that the best interests of the State demanded that the validity of the Act should be tested in the Courts before any effort was made by the Comptroller to enforce its provisions. In accordance with this conclusion, and for the purpose of having this question settled at an early moment by judicial authority, proceedings were instituted on the 15th day of January, 1880, in the Supreme Court by the Attorney General against the Comptroller, by *mandamus*, to compel the Comptroller to carry the Act into effect, the Comptroller having declined to do so and having notified me of that fact. This form of proceeding was adopted so as to raise the precise question desired to be settled, to wit, the validity of the Act, and it was carried before the Supreme Court,

then in session, so that the judgment, whatever it might be, should be final and conclusive.

The case was promptly heard by the Supreme Court, and, after full argument, a majority of the Court—Associate Justice McGowan dissenting—having reached the conclusion “that the error in the first Section was fatal to the validity of that Section,” and “having unanimously determined that so much of the second Section as made provision for the Charleston military organization was without force of law,” refused the motion for *mandamus*. Under these circumstances the tax department found itself powerless to raise the necessary supplies for State purposes for the present fiscal year without further legislation.

Such being the fact, “an extraordinary occasion,” and one demanding the assembling of the legislative department as the only power competent to meet the emergency, in my opinion, was present; and, believing this, by virtue of authority vested in me by Section 16, Article III, of the Constitution, I issued my proclamation convening the General Assembly at 12 M. to-day.

Under this proclamation, gentlemen, you have assembled.

And now permit me to invite your earnest attention to the matters herein suggested, and to recommend the adoption on your part of such measures as in your wisdom may be necessary in the premises.

I do not know that you will go beyond the matter above suggested, and which has necessitated the call for the extra session. This is for you to determine. There is certainly nothing in the Constitution, at least in express terms, to prevent; and I suppose that, having assembled, you will calmly deliberate upon the necessities of the situation and will adopt such course upon this subject as in your judgment may be wise and proper without regard to preconceived opinions or outside influences, if there be any. In any event you will necessarily be in session for a period of five days in perfecting and passing the Act to raise supplies, because under the provisions of the Constitution regulating the forms of legislation no Act can be passed in a shorter time than five days. The supply Bill, however, will not engage all of your attention during this period, and, such being the fact, there can be no reason why other matters of importance, in no way interfering with the prompt passage of said Bill, should not be considered at this time. And there is one subject especially which it seems to me should demand attention—a subject which, in some points of view, in my judgment, rises even higher in importance than the supply Bill itself—I allude to a proper registration law. Section 3, Article VIII, of the Constitution requires that the “Legislature shall from time to time provide for the registration of electors.” Heretofore this duty, no doubt for good and sufficient reasons, has been pretermitted by the General Assembly. It appears to

me, however, that, if this provision of the Constitution is not to be ignored altogether, no more favorable opportunity can ever be presented for complying with its terms by a calm and deliberate preparation of suitable laws on this subject than now. The general election is near at hand, and, in addition to this, in a government like ours, resting as it does upon the great doctrine of the right of self government, the exercise of the elective franchise, while being one of the highest individual privileges which a citizen can enjoy, is, at the same time, one of the most important duties with reference to others which he can perform, and there can be no doubt that it should be sacredly guarded and protected by all necessary legislation furnishing every facility for its uninterrupted exercise and freeing it from every influence but such as may be wholesome and wise. In view, then, of these considerations, while not recommending that you should embark in the field of general legislation at this session, yet I would respectfully suggest that in addition to the supply Bill you take up the subject of registration and pass such laws as may insure permanent protection to this great right of suffrage. And without going into the details of a complete scheme, I recommend in general terms that the Commissioners of Election in each County be authorized to establish in the respective Counties as many precincts as they may deem proper, the territorial limits of each precinct to be clearly defined; the resident electors, or such as may become so, in each precinct, before any election, be allowed to register therein at least days before such election, and they be required to vote in such precinct as they have thus registered. This scheme, with suitable details, would furnish to every voter possessing the Constitutional qualifications full opportunity to exercise his right to vote. It would exclude those who did not possess those qualifications, would prevent repeating, and would throw around the ballot-box every safeguard which the law could furnish, and I respectfully recommend it to your consideration.

W. D. SIMPSON, Governor.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, so much of the Message as relates to the supply Bill was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and so much as relates to the registration law was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. ELKINS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Board of Examiners for Richland County to audit and approve accounts for printing for the

County of Richland, through the School Commissioner's office, in the scholastic year 1878-79, and similar accounts that may be presented for payment in subsequent years;

A Bill to provide a Stenographer for the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. HASKELL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to provide for the registration of voters in this State;

A Bill to provide for the settlement of the debt of the city of Columbia;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1st, 1878;

A Bill to provide for the codification of the various tax laws of this State.

Mr. BLUE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill further to amend the law in reference to the drawing and empanelling of juries.

Mr. COOKE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to require Sheriffs of the Courts of this State to divide real estate sold by them into tracts of convenient size;

A Bill to regulate the payment of the costs of Trial Justice Constables when paid by the County.

Mr. BROWN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to pay Hon. Thompson H. Cooke the balance of his salary as Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit due prior to the first day of November, A. D. 1876, upon presentation of the State Comptroller General's warrant.

Mr. MULLER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to allow William Johnson to establish a telephonic communication between the Columbia Bridge and the Saluda Factory, in Lexington County;

A Bill to incorporate the town of Peake's Station, in Lexington County.

Mr. CHERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties, and to establish in their stead the office of Master."

Mr. JOHNSTONE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and make the same apply to a portion of Lexington County;

A Bill to change the name of Fannie Chappell to Fannie Pitts, and to permit her to inherit from David Pitts and Rebecca Pitts, or either of them, if they or either of them die intestate;

A Bill to regulate the manner of denominating the law and equity reports of this State;

A Bill to incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society;

A Bill to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges," so far as the same relates to the County of Newberry.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to provide for funding the debt of Charleston County for the fiscal year beginning November 1, 1876;

A Bill to amend the charter of the Sea Island Steamboat Company;

A Bill to conform all special Acts of incorporation to the provisions of the Constitution of this State respecting the liability of stockholders therein.

Mr. WESTBERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the law in relation to the Trial Justices of Sumter County.

Mr. GAILLARD gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to amend the railroad laws of this State;

A Bill to amend an Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties, approved December 24th, 1878.

Mr. LAMBSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill for the relief of certain taxpayers of Williamsburg County;

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg County.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts so far as the same relates to the Eighth Circuit.

Mr. SEEGERS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize Alex. G. Clarkson to construct a gate across a public road in Richland County.

Mr. WALKER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to incorporate the Artisans' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association;

A Bill to incorporate the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

Mr. BACON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to make and issue to the Carolina National Bank, of Columbia, S. C., a certain draft or check, drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been either lost or destroyed;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same;"

A Joint Resolution for the renewal or issue of new State Scrip No. 30, for \$190, standing in the name of H. C. Franck, the same having been burnt.

Mr. FICKEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company of Charleston to reduce their capital stock to \$200,000.

Mr. PERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes.

Mr. McKISSICK gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys, and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers therein mentioned," approved March 22, 1878.

Mr. ALLEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to change the time of the sittings of the Circuit Courts, so far as the same refers to Edgefield County, and to amend the law in reference to the sessions of the Circuit Courts, approved June 9, 1877;

A Bill to open certain public roads in Edgefield County.

Mr. GONZALEZ gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill granting certain privileges to persons renting stalls in the public markets of the city of Charleston.

Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company.

Mr. B. H. RICE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to prohibit the selling of seed cotton;

A Bill to reduce printers' charges for publishing notices of Sheriffs' sales and all Court notices;

A Bill to reduce costs of attorneys-at-law;

A Bill calling a convention of the people;

A Bill to incorporate Corinth Church, in Union County.

The SPEAKER called for reports of Standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report and reported

A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, reported

A Bill to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem and mileage and stationery certificates of the members of the General Assembly, and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof, for the extra session commencing February 10, 1880, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report and reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina," approved December 23, 1879; which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a report and reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds or stock," approved December 23, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. CALLISON,

The House was adjourned at 1 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1880.

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At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The following additional members appeared and took their seats:

From the County of Aiken,

Mr. JUDSON BRODIE.

From the County of Anderson,

Mr. C. S. MATTISON.

From the County of Barnwell,

Mr. JOSEPH A. MILLER.

From the County of Charleston.

Mr. B. H. RUTLEDGE.

From the County of Darlington,

Mr. E. W. CANNON,

Mr. J. C. CLEMENTS,

Mr. JEROME P. CHASE.

From the County of Hampton,

Mr. W. J. LAWTON.

From the County of Greenville,

Mr. J. T. AUSTIN.

From the County of Kershaw,

Mr. JOHN D. KENNEDY.

From the County of Orangeburg,

Mr. W. C. HANE.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, the call by Counties was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, resolutions, motions and such like papers.

Mr. WESTBERRY, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend the law in relation to Trial Justices in Sumter County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FICKEN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company, of Charleston, to reduce their capital stock to two hundred thousand dollars, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. McKISSICK, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys, and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers therein mentioned," approved March 22, 1878, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MULLER, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill authorizing J. W. Campbell to construct, maintain and operate a telephone line over and along a certain public highway in Lexington County.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the the town of Peake's Station, in Lexington County.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. SIMONTON, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Sea Island Steamboat Company, approved March 10, 1876, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Also,

A Bill to provide for funding the debt of Charleston County for the fiscal year beginning November 1, 1876, which was read the first time and referred to the Charleston Delegation.

Also,

A Bill to conform all special Acts of incorporation to the provisions of the Constitution of this State respecting the liability of stockholders therein, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. BACON, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to R. Swaffield, executor of W. C. Franck, a certificate of State Capitol stock, drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been burnt.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to the Carolina National Bank, of Columbia, S. C., a certain check or draft drawn by the State Treasurer, which has either been lost or destroyed.

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same," which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. ELKINS, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to provide a stenographer for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LAMBSON, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill for the relief of certain taxpayers of Williamsburg County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. SEEGERs, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize Alex. G. Clarkson to erect and maintain a gate across the public road leading from Camden to McCord's Ferry, in Richland County, at a point one and a half miles from Clarkson's Turnout, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. GRAHAM, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. GONZALEZ, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill granting certain privileges to persons renting stalls in the public markets of the city of Charleston, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock, and make the same apply to a portion of Lexington County.

Mr. HASKELL, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to provide for the registration of the electors of this State in pursuance of the requirements of the Constitution, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1st, 1878, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. HASKELL introduced the following Resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow:

Resolved, That no Bill or Joint Resolution shall be introduced after Friday, the 13th instant, except by a Committee, unless it be by unanimous consent.

Mr. ALLEN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to open certain public roads in Edgefield County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also,

A Bill to alter the times of the sitting of the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas for Edgefield County, and to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9, 1877, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. COOKE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to require Sheriffs of the Counties of this State to divide real estate sold by them into tracts of convenient size, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

A Bill to regulate the pay of Trial Justices' Constables receiving no salary as provided for by law, when paid by the County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts so far as the same relates to the Eighth Circuit," which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. BUIST presented the petition of Mrs. Mary A. Ahrens for reduction of assessment and taxes on her property.

Also,

Petition of Daniel McPherson to be refunded overpaid taxes.

Which were severally referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and ordered to be laid on the table:

Resolved, That the report of the Directors of the State Agricultural Society be required to be printed for the use of the members of the House and placed upon their desks.

Mr. MILES, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to grant certain powers to the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. WATTS, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to further provide for the assessment of real estate for the purposes of taxation, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. BLUE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill further to amend the law in reference to the drawing and empanelling of juries, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. CHERRY, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties and to establish in their

stead the office of Master," which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. HUMBERT, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, it was ordered that when this House adjourns it be adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. B. H. RICE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, of Union.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Union to apply to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the said County for the fiscal year 1878 the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the special tax levied to defray the expenses of erecting and maintaining fences on the limits of said County.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. COOKE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to regulate the pay of Trial Justice constables receiving no salary, as provided for by law, when paid by the County, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BROWN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to pay to Hon. Thompson H. Cooke the balance of his salary as Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit due prior to the first day of November, A. D. 1876, upon presentation of the State Comptroller General's warrants, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. CLOWNEY presented the petition of sundry citizens of Fairfield County praying for extension of fence law to Townships No. 6 and part of No. 8 in said County, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. HENDERSON, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to declare public a certain road in Colleton County, which was read the first time and placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. WALKER, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Artisans' and Traders' Building and Loan Association, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. BOWMAN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to provide for the payment of the indebtedness of the school districts of the County of Orangeburg, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. J. H. RICE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to recommend a vote for or against a Convention, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. ALDRICH introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Whereas much complaint is made against the railroad corporations in this State for killing stock upon their tracks and refusing to pay to the owners of such stock a fair and reasonable compensation therefor; and

Whereas it is alleged that said railroad corporations, by various means, do avoid and escape the payment of such demands; therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Railroad Commissioner do inquire into the subject and report to this House, at the next session, whether such complaints are well founded, and, if said complaints are true, why such damages are not fairly and promptly paid, and that he do suggest some suitable remedy for such evil; and, further, that he do inquire into and report as to the right and expediency of said railroad corporations being required to fence in their tracks.

On motion of Mr. BOWEN, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Child for the remainder of the session on account of sickness.

Mr. EARLE asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville."

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on the account of Abbeville Medium, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. EARLE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to alter and amend an Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. BUIST, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands," approved December 23, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. ALDRICH, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to authorize the electors of the town of Hamburg to elect an Intendant and Wardens of said town.

Also,

A Joint Resolution for the relief of Wm. Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court of Aiken County, South Carolina.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to declare a public road in Horry County from a point known as St. John's Chapel, on the Conwayboro and Pireway Road, to a point known as Livingston plantation, on the Conwayboro and Little River Road.

Also,

A Bill to change the name of James Sulton, of Horry County, to James Bryan.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to regulate the manner of denominating the law and equity reports of this State.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

Also,

A Bill to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges," so far as the same relates to the County of Newberry.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. MANIGAULT, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay Wm. H. Dorrill, County Auditor, certain

claims paid by him for the assessing of property within said County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. HASKELL, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to authorize the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Columbia to issue bonds and scrip to fund the city debt which shall be outstanding on the first day of July, A. D. 1880, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. PERRY, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. JOHNSTONE presented the petition of the Euoree Rifles, of Newberry, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The SPEAKER called for reports of Standing Committees.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report and reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which, under the law, are fundable in consolidated bonds or stocks, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report and reported

A Joint Resolution to provide for the appointment of a Commission to revise and amend the laws in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes and to codify the same, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Sea Island Steamboat Company, approved March 10, 1876, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. GONZALEZ, from the Committee on Railroads, made a report on

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Special Committee, made the following report respecting the unfinished business of the last session, which was considered immediately, was agreed to, and ordered to be spread on the Journal:

The Special Committee, who have been instructed to inquire and report whether it would be competent for the House to resume the consideration of the unfinished business of the last session, respectfully report that they have given to this question the most earnest consideration.

The General Assembly, pursuant to Concurrent Resolution, adjourned *sine die* on 24th December, 1879, this House having some days previous thereto disposed of its Calendar by laying all unfinished business on the table. But for some extraordinary occasion this General Assembly would not have again convened during the term of the members of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Cushing, in his Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies, the highest authority on parliamentary law in this country, says: "When the business of a legislative body is completed, but the time for its dissolution has not arrived, and the sittings of both branches are suspended by a joint act to be resumed at a future time, this suspension is properly denominated a prorogation. * * * A prorogation is the termination, for the time being, of the functions of the legislative body, as an adjournment is a continuation from day to day of the functions of each of its branches. In whichever way this termination in fact takes place, or by whatever name it may be called, the legal effect of it is to conclude the session, by which all Bills and other proceedings of a legislative character depending in either branch, in whatever state they are at the time, are entirely put an end to, and must be instituted again at the next session precisely as if they never had been begun. This rule applies to every proceeding instituted by or depending for its existence upon any order of the Assembly."—Cushing, §§ 516, 519.

Such also is the law as expounded in Jefferson's Manual.

Our next inquiry is, have our Rules created any departure from this general principle of parliamentary law?

Under 80th Rule of the House, in all cases not determined by these Rules or by the laws or by the Constitution of this State the House must conform to the parliamentary law which governs the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.

There is nothing in the laws or Constitution of this State bearing upon this precise question, and it must be determined by a comparison of our Rules with that of the House of Representatives of the United States.

By the 136th Rule of that body, (Barclay's Digest, 195,) "after six days from the commencement of a second or subsequent session of any Congress, all Bills, resolutions and reports which originated in the House, and at the close of the next preceding session remained undetermined, shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place."

We note two points:

1st. The consideration of all unfinished business without discrimination is resumed just where it was left at the preceding session.

2d. And its consideration cannot be resumed until after the expiration of six days from the commencement of the new session.

The 58th Rule of our House provides in a similar manner, as follows: "When the general orders of the day have been taken up any member may move to continue a matter when called on the Calendar to the next session, and if the House agree thereto the matter shall thereupon be continued. And the Clerk of the House shall make up a calendar of all the matters so continued, placing the same thereon in the order in which they have been continued, and at the ensuing session the continued matters shall be taken up and considered in the same stage in which they were so continued, and matters ordered to be placed in the general orders at the said ensuing session shall be placed there in turn and have priority according to the last order for consideration made upon them, &c."

We thus see that both the House of Representatives of the United States and our House have departed from the general rule as laid down by Cushing. But they differ.

In Congress, all business, without discrimination and without motion, passes over to the next session, but it cannot be considered until after six days from the commencement of the session.

In our House only certain measures are continued over—those for which a special motion is made on the regular call of the Calendar, and to which motion the House must agree. All other business which is not the subject of such a motion so agreed to passes under the general rule. This is obvious. "*Expressio unius, conclusio alterius.*" So, also, the House will not delay in the consideration of these continued matters, as Congress must do; they go at once on the Calendar, and are taken up in turn.

The matter being thus determined by our Rule, and this Rule differing from that of Congress, of course our Rule prevails.

It does not appear that any business was continued over from the last session under the fifty-eighth Rule.

The Committee are unanimously of the opinion that it is not competent for the House, under existing parliamentary law and under its own Rule, to resume the consideration of the unfinished business of the last session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. SIMONTON,
Chairman.

February 11, 1880.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a report and reported

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the sale of seed cotton between the time of the setting and rising of the sun, and to regulate the sale of seed cotton," approved June 8, 1877, and to regulate the traffic in seed cotton, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor and referred, with the accompanying communication from the Railroad Commissioner, to the Committee on Railroads:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 2.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, February 10, 1880.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I beg leave to submit for your consideration a communication from the Railroad Commissioner of this State.

W. D. SIMPSON,
Governor.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, submitted the following communication, which was ordered to be spread on the Journal:

In behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Acts of this House, I beg leave to state that they disclaim all responsibility as a Committee for the errors in the Act to raise supplies for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, which has been the occasion of the reconvening of this General Assembly.

The Bill, in its regular passage, should have gone, after the three readings in the two houses, to the office of the Secretary of State to be enrolled, from the Secretary of State's office to the Journal Clerk of this House, from the Journal Clerk to the Chairman of this Committee, and been by him reported to the House when properly enrolled and ready for ratification.

An investigation of the records in reference to the passage of the Bill to raise supplies above referred to shows that the Bill was never in the hands of the Committee on Enrolled Acts; the Committee gave no receipt for it; it was never read by them, and was never reported to the House as properly enrolled and ready for ratification.

As the Bill was not before the Committee, and was not reported on by them, they feel that they are in no sense accountable for any errors in it.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. HEMPHILL, Chairman.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor, which, with the accompanying documents, were referred to the Committee on Federal Relations:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 3.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, February 11, 1880.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I herewith transmit a communication to me from His Excellency Governor Marks, of Tennessee, and also certain resolutions passed by the General Assembly of Tennessee, upon the subject of a centennial celebration of the battle of King's Mountain, which I beg to submit for your consideration.

I have responded to His Excellency the Governor of Tennessee and assured him of the cordial co-operation of South Carolina in this patriotic movement, and hope that you will take such action in the premises as may be proper.

W. D. SIMPSON,
Governor.

The SPEAKER announced that he had appointed Mr. Joseph Arrants Doorkeeper, in place of Mr. Harllee, who had failed to attend.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Concurrent Resolution fixing the day for the adjournment of the General Assembly was taken up.

Mr. COOKE moved that the Resolution be laid on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 26; nays, 78.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Austin, Bacon, Beard, Bowen, Callison, Clarkson, Cooke, Dargan, Deal, Frederick, Garrison, Gonzalez, Haliwanger, Harper, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, Johnstone, Lambson, Maree, Mattison, Murray, E. D. Richardson, Skipper, Walker, Watts and Westberry.—26.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Barron, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Clem-

ents, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Davant, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Edens, Ficken, Fox, Fulmore, Graham, Hamer, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Massey, McNeel, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, Shoemaker, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Wiggins and Wilson.—78.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Resolution having been amended by striking out "Saturday, at 3 o'clock," and inserting in lieu thereof "Wednesday, February 11, 1880, at 9 o'clock A. M.," was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Concurrent Resolution (by Mr. Callison) limiting legislation for this session was taken up; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 33; nays, 50.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, John C. Anderson, Barber, Barron, Beasley, Bradley, Brice, Callison, Carlisle, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Dewberry, Fox, Fulmore, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hane, W. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Manigault, Massey, McNeel, Joseph A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Richardson, Seegers, Sojourner and Suber.—33.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Beard, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Britton, Brown, Buist, Cannon, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Clarkson, Clements, John B. Cleveland, Dargan, Davis, Donaldson, Dorroh, Eason, Edens, Elkins, Ficken, Gonzalez, Hamer, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Mattison, McKissick, Miles, Muller, Murray, B. H. Rice, J. H. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Shaw, Shoemaker, Simonton, Skipper, Trantham, Walker, Wiggins and Wilson.—60.

So the House refused to agree to the Resolution.

A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, was taken up for a second reading.

Mr. JOHNSTONE moved to amend the Bill by adding to Section 1 the following: "Including the payment of interest upon the certificate of stock representing the Agricultural College fund, which interest is appropriated and made payable by the terms of an Act entitled 'An

Act to provide for the investment and use of the Agricultural College fund,' approved December 23, 1879."

The question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Yeas, 54; nays, 42.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, Bacon, Bell, Blue, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, Cooke, Deal, Dorroh, Eason, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Garrison, Gonzalez, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Walker, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—54.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Allen, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Barron, Beard, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Cherry, Clements, Clowney, Cummings, Dewberry, Donaldson, Edens Fox, Fulmore, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, J. S. Miller, Moody, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—42.

So the House agreed to the amendment.

The Bill having been read the second time was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to make appropriation for the payment of the per diem, mileage and stationery certificates of the members of the General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof for the extra session commencing February 10, 1880, was read the second time.

Mr. SHAW proposed the following amendment as Section 4: "That fifteen hundred dollars, if so much be necessary, be, and hereby is, appropriated to the Governor's contingent fund for the payment of expenses of the Committee to investigate charges of cruelty, neglect or inhumanity to convicts of the State Penitentiary on the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad."

Mr. CALLISON moved to amend by striking out the word "fifteen" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five" preceding the words "hundred dollars."

Mr. MILES moved to lay the amendment on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 57 ; nays, 28.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brown, Buist, Cassidy, Clowney, Cooke, Deal, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Fulmore, Garrison, Gonzalez, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Wm. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Lambson, Manigault, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, Miles, Moody, Perry, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Seegers, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Trantham, Watts and Wilson.—57.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Bowman, Callison, Carlisle, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Edens, Fox, Graham, Haltiwanger, Keller, Leaphart, Maree, McKisick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Redfearn, B. H. Rice and Shoemaker.—28.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Shaw was then agreed to and the Bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. TRANTHAM gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the sale of seed cotton between the time of the setting and rising of the sun, and to regulate the sale of seed cotton," approved June 8th, 1877, and to regulate the traffic in seed cotton.

Mr. LEAPHART gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill for a rebatement of taxes to the Saluda Manufacturing Company.

Mr. WALKER gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within this State," approved March 18, 1878.

Mr. CLARKSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to lower township, Richland County, without an election.

Mr. McKISSICK gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to afford relief to insolvent debtors.

Mr. HUMBERT gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Clinton, in Laurens County.

Mr. CLOWNEY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to extend the benefits of the no-fence law to township No. 6 and part of township 8, Fairfield County.

Mr. FICKEN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the service of notice of appeal in Courts of Trial Justice.

Mr. E D. RICHARDSON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to provide for drainage in Horry County;

A Bill to change the name of James Sultan to James Bryan, Horry County;

A Bill to declare a certain road public in Horry County.

Mr. DARGAN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter and amend the lunacy laws.

Mr. BROWN gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within two miles of the corporate limits of the town of Belten, in Anderson County.

Mr. DEWBERRY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to incorporate the town of Cowpens;

A Bill to relieve E. P. Brown from further expense in keeping up a bridge across Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County, known as "Brown's Bridge."

Mr. MURRAY gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to require the attendance of the Solicitors of this State upon the sessions of the General Assembly and to define their duties;

A Bill regulating the sale of real estate in Anderson County;

A Bill to amend the charter of the Savannah Valley Railroad Company;

A Bill to charter the Anderson and Easley Railroad Company.

Mr. EARLE gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to authorize the Board of Jury Commissioners of Sumter County to prepare a jury list for said County on or before day of March, 1880;

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville.

Mr. MINUS gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Joint Resolution to allow Lewis M. Westberry to change the road leading from Walterboro to George's Station around his settlement.

Mr. ALDRICH gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to relieve Wm. Green of his liability as surety on the recognizance of the bond of Jordan Green;

A Bill appointing trustees of the Downer fund in Aiken County;

A Bill authorizing the electors of the town of Hamburg to elect an Intendant and Wardens;

A Bill to fix the pay of Commissioners and Managers of Election and of their clerks;

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Aiken.

Mr. BUIST gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following:

A Bill to incorporate the St. Patrick's Benevolent Society;

Petition of David McPherson to be refunded overpaid taxes;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands," approved December 23, 1879.

Mr. TRANTHAM gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act extend a road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County," approved December 12, 1879.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the House took a recess from 3 o'clock P. M. until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

RECESS.

Mr. DEWBERRY, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to incorporate the town of Cowpens, in Spartanburg County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. ALDRICH, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Aiken, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. MINUS, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to allow C. M. Westberry, of Colleton County, to change the Walterboro and George's Station road, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. LEAPHART, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Lexington County to pay to William Johnston the sum of sixty-three dollars and twenty-four cents, the amount of rebate as allowed by the Comptroller General for taxes for the years 1875 and 1876, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. GAILLARD, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend the railroad laws of this State, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties," approved December 24, 1878, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Charleston Delegation, made a report on

A Bill to provide for funding the debt of Charleston County for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1876.

Also, on

A Bill granting certain privileges to persons renting stalls in the public markets of the city of Charleston.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 4.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

COLUMBIA, February 11, 1880.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a memorial of W. L.

Stone and others addressed to the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in behalf of the "Saratoga Monument Association."

W. D. SIMPSON, Governor.

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of
the State of South Carolina:*

Upwards of one hundred years ago—the 17th of October, 1777,—Burgoyne surrendered on the plains of Saratoga, and with that event closed the most important chapter of the American Revolution.

The elaborate preparation and sending forth of the finest army that ever left the shores of England, the arrogant proclamations that heralded its approach; the successful advance; the terror inspired by its savage allies; the early consternation and discomfiture of the colonists; their subsequent rally of desperation; the indecisive conflict of September 19th; the disastrous defeat of the Briton October 7th,—all culminated at Schuylerville in the capitulation of his entire army and the hosannas of the nation on its glorious deliverance. This event secured for us the French alliance, and lifted the cloud of moral and financial gloom that had settled upon the hearts of the people, dampening the hopes of the leaders of the Revolution, and wringing despairing words even from the hopeful Washington. From that auspicious day belief in the ultimate triumph of American liberty never abandoned the nation till it was realized and sealed, four years later, almost to a day, in the final surrender at Yorktown.

More than a century has elapsed since that illustrious event. All the actors in the great drama have passed away, and their descendants are now reaping the rewards of their devotion and suffering. And yet no monument has arisen to commemorate that turning point of our national destiny. Lexington, Bunker Hill, Moultrie and Savannah have their imposing memorials to tell of the earliest bloodshed in the cause of Cisatlantic freedom, while Saratoga, apart from its brilliant historic record, as yet remains with no such recognition. The purpose is noble, the tribute deserved; for every such memorial stands as an educator to gratitude and patriotism. And here your petitioners base a claim for a like memento upon the field of Burgoyne's surrender.

Actuated by these sentiments, in 1859 Hamilton Fish, Horatio Seymour, John A. Corey and other patriotic gentlemen organized the "SARATOGA MONUMENT ASSOCIATION," under a perpetual charter from the State of New York, whose object was the erection of a fitting memorial on the site of Burgoyne's surrender. Toward this considerable progress had been made, when the outbreak of the war and the decease of several of the original trustees checked all farther proceedings. Recently, however, the project has been revived, and the Legislature of

New York at its last session granted an amended charter—a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked Exhibit A.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the important duty of adopting a design for the monument originally chose one of the obelisk form, 80 feet square at the base, 230 feet in height, and enriched with historic sculpture, thus giving the structure a strong ecclesiastical character of the late Gothic type. The cost of this was to have been \$250,000, a sum, it would seem, not too great to express the national sentiment. Failing, however, to secure that amount, the Association, in deference to the popular feeling of the necessity for economy in all public expenditure, instructed the architect, Mr. Markham, to reduce the size of the contemplated structure to such an extent that the cost should not exceed \$40,000, but retaining as far as practicable the original design. This \$40,000 refers to the finishing of the stone work alone, the bronze sculpture and the interior adornment, of a personal or family character, being left to additional private contributions. The foundation and corner stone of the monument has already been laid.

The Committee earnestly request of your honorable body, *as one of the original thirteen States*, the appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars, so as to enable them to accomplish this patriotic enterprise to the credit of the American people.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Association.

WM. L. STONE,
CHAS. H. PAYN,
JOHN H. STARIN,
WM. J. BACON,
EDWARD F. BULLARD,
ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN,
E. W. B. CANNING,

Committee on Design.

NEW YORK CITY, December 16, 1879.

Mr. GONZALEZ, from the Committee on Railroads, made a report on A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties," approved December 24, 1878, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of

the Supreme Court of South Carolina," approved December 23, 1879, was read the second time.

Mr. MURRAY offered the following as Section 9 to the Bill :

"SEC. 9. Before the Commissioner reports upon any bond or certificate of stock, it shall be presented to him for judgment, and he shall stamp such as is found valid and return to the person presenting it ; and if found invalid, he shall cancel and turn it over to the Comptroller General ; if found partly valid, he shall grant a certificate for the valid portion and retain the bond, turning it over to the Comptroller General, and the State Treasurer shall issue a new bond in accordance with the certificate of the Commissioner."

Mr. HASKELL moved to lay the amendment on the table ; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 61 ; nays, 38.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Beasley, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowman, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Clements, John B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Ficken, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Gonzalez, Hamer, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, William Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Isaac M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, McKissick, Miles, Joseph A. Miller, Morrison, Perry, J. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, John P. Richardson, Rutledge, Shoemaker, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Walker, Watts and Wiggins.—61.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, John C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Bowen, Bradley, Brown, Callison, Cherry, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, Robert R. Hemphill, Kednedy, Massey, Mattison, McNeel, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shaw, Skipper, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—38.

So the House agreed to the motion, and the amendment was ordered to be laid on the table.

The Bill having been read the second time was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds or stock," approved December 23, 1879, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. KENNEDY, the House was adjourned at 8:45 P. M. to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1880.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

The Senate sent to this House

Concurrent Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to procure an appropriation in aid of the centennial celebration of the battle of King's Mountain, which was concurred in and ordered to be returned to the Senate.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, Resolutions, motions and such like papers.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL, the call by Counties was dispensed with.

Mr. HASKELL, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Saluda Manufacturing Company of Lexington County," which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. HUMBERT presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Clinton praying additional legislation to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within said town, which was ordered to be laid on the table and taken up in connection with Bill on same subject.

Mr. HUMBERT, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Clinton, in the County of Laurens, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. BUIST, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to incorporate Saint Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C., which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. ALDRICH, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to appoint Commissioners to take charge of the Downer Fund in Aiken County, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DEWBERRY, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to relieve E. P. Brown from further expense in keeping up a bridge across Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County, known as "Brown's Bridge," which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. DARGAN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to regulate the admission of patients into the State Lunatic Asylum, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. EARLE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to authorize and require the Board of Jury Commissioners for Sumter County to prepare a new jury list for said County for the year 1880, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. WALKER, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within this State," which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. CALLISON, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend Section 7 of Chapter CXI, Title II, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the qualification of jurors, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. FICKEN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the service of notice of appeal in Courts of Trial Justice, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. TRANTHAM, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to extend a road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County," approved December 12, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. KENNEDY presented the petition of the County Commissioners of Kershaw County, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. MURRAY, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to require the attendance of the Solicitors of this State upon the sessions of the General Assembly and to define their duties, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston," approved December 23, 1879, which was read the first time, and was, on motion of

Mr. MURRAY, made the Special Order for Friday, February 13, immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

Mr. DAVIS introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Judiciary Committee be, and they are hereby, requested to inquire and report a mode of relief, if there is any, to relieve that class of persons now debarred of their homestead rights under the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Duncan and Bennett.

Mr. McKEISSICK, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to afford relief to insolvent debtors, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to change the name of Fannie Chappell to Fannie Pitts and to permit her to inherit from David Pitts and Rebecca Pitts or either of them if they or either of them die intestate, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to provide for drainage in the Counties of Horry and Anderson, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. MANIGAULT, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the protection and preservation of useful animals," approved March 12, 1872, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, a Committee, to consist of three members, was ordered to be appointed to inquire and report the causes why so few Bills have been printed and laid on the tables of the members.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced Messrs. Aldrich, Elkins and Cojournier as the Committee.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Committee, made the following report:

The special Committee charged with inquiring into and reporting why so few printed Bills are upon the desks of the members, beg leave to report that they have called upon the Public Printers, and find that the delay in printing Bills is caused for the following reasons:

1st. That the Senate printing was first delivered to them, and that the same was completed before the House printing was taken up.

2d. That the Public Printers did not anticipate the large amount of printing which would be required of them, but that arrangements have been perfected for the future.

3d. That a number of Bills will be sent in within an hour, and by 2 P. M.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES ALDRICH,
D. PAUL SOJOURNER,
JOHN A. ELKINS.

Which was received as information, and,

On motion of Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL, the Committee was instructed to make the further inquiry why Bills are not printed in their regular Calendar order.

Mr. EARLE gave notice that to-morrow, or some subsequent day, he would ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to grant, renew and amend the charters of certain towns and villages therein mentioned" so far as the same relates to the town of Sumter.

Mr. DARGAN gave notice that to-morrow, or some subsequent day, he would ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide artificial limbs for the soldiers who lost their legs or arms during the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865.

Mr. MATTISON gave notice that to-morrow, or some subsequent day, he would ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort," approved December 23, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof.

Mr. CLOWNEY gave notice that to-morrow, or some subsequent day, he would ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties."

On motion of Mr. BOWMAN, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hane until Saturday next, on account of sickness.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to amend an entitled "An Act to further provide for the assessment of real estate for the purposes of taxation."

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Bill to open certain public roads in Edgefield County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to juries and jurors.

The report was agreed to and the Bill ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Joint Resolution to pay Hon. Thompson H. Cooke the balance of his salary as Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit due prior to the first day of November, A. D. 1876, upon presentation of the State Comptroller's warrant, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of petition of Hon. W. M. Thomas for salary for services as Judge of the Sixth Circuit, and the same was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to regulate the pay of Trial Justices' Constables receiving no salary as provided for by law when paid by the County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, for the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on

A Bill to amend the law in relation to Trial Justices in Sumter County, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HENDERSON, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize Alex. G. Clarkson to erect a gate across a public highway, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, for the Judiciary Committee, made a favorable report on

A Bill to provide a stenographer for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, for the Committee on Agriculture, made a report and reported

A Bill to require a special license for dogs, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill to conform all special Acts of incorporation to the provisions of the Constitution of the State respecting the liability of stockholders therein, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned,' so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties, and to establish in their stead the office of Master," was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill authorizing J. W. Campbell to construct, maintain and operate a telephone line over and along a certain public highway in Lexington County was read the second time and amended—the title thereof amended in conformity thereto so as to read: "A Bill authorizing the County Commissioners of any County to permit any person or body corporate to construct, maintain and operate a telephone line or lines over and along any public highway in their respective Counties," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same," was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to incorporate the Artisans' and Traders' Building and Loan Association was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to provide for the payment of the indebtedness of the school districts of the County of Orangeburg was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1, 1878, was read the second time.

Mr. ALLEN moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill, and after some time spent in the discussion thereof,

Mr. ALLEN called the previous question, which was sustained; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

Yeas, 40; nays, 51.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Barber, Beard, Beatty, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Chase, Cummings, Davis, Donaldson, Fox, Haliwanger, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Wm. Henderson, Johnstone, Keller, Lawton, Maree, Mattison, J. S. Miller, Minus, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, Simonton, Walker and Wilson.—40.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, John C. Anderson, Bacon, Britton, Carlisle, Cherry, Clarkson, John B. Cleveland, Clowney, Dargau, Deal, Dewberry, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Isaac M. Hutson, Kennedy, Lambson, Leaphart, Manigault, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, Morrison, Muller, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, B. Simmons, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—51.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made a report and reported the following Bills as correctly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds or stock," approved December 23, 1879 ;

A Bill to make appropriation for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof for the extra session commencing February 10th, 1880.

The Bills were severally read the third time, passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina," approved December 23, 1879 ;

Also,

A Bill to raise supplies to make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879, as correctly engrossed for third readings.

The Bills were respectively read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The House recurred to the morning hour.

Mr. FICKEN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report and reported

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Alexander Robertson or his children a certain certificate of State stock, the original of which has been lost or destroyed, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. EARLE, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to grant, renew and amend the charters of certain towns and villages therein mentioned" so far as said Act relates to the town of Sumter, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. CLARKSON, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws, and to provide for effectuating the same," to the lower portion of lower township, Richland County, without an election, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. WALKER, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Prudential Life Insurance Company of Charleston, S. C., which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. MILES, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to provide for a public guardian of the estates of minors, idiots and lunatics and to define his powers and duties and to fix his liabilities, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. ELKINS, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Board of Examiners for Richland County to audit and approve all accounts for necessary printing for the County of Richland through the School Commissioner's office in the scholastic year 1878-79, and all similar accounts that may be presented for payment in subsequent years, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. MURRAY, without previous notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to pay to the Hon. J. P. Reed the balance due for salary as Circuit Judge prior to November 1st, 1876, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. CALLISON, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to establish by law the voting precincts in the various Counties in this State,'" so far as the same relates to Edgefield County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the House recessed from business at 3 o'clock P. M. until 7:30 o'clock P. M. this evening.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. J. D. NEEL, a member elect from Abbeville County, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Samuel McGowan, attended at the bar of the House, produced his credentials, was sworn, and took his seat.

The House resumed the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill to incorporate the town of Peake's Station, in Lexington County;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Union County to apply to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the said County for the fiscal year 1878 the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the special tax levied to defray the expenses of erecting and maintaining fences on the limits of said County;

A Bill to declare public a certain road in Colleton County;

A Bill for the relief of certain taxpayers of Williamsburg County;

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg County;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and make the same apply to a portion of Lexington County.

The enacting words of a Bill to require Sheriffs of the Courts of this State to divide real estate sold by them into tracts of convenient size were ordered to be stricken out.

Mr. WATTS moved to reconsider the vote whereby

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1, 1878, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. ECKHARD called the previous question, which was sustained, and the main question ordered; and, the question being put, the House divided.

Yeas, 41; nays, 51.

So the House refused to agree to the motion to reconsider.

On motion of Mr. TRANTHAM, the House recurred to the morning hour.

Mr. HALTIWANGER, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend the criminal law by declaring it a misdemeanor for any person or persons to hire or entice away the employees of the farmers of this State, whether they shall have contracted as such in writing or otherwise, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. CLOWNEY, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to repeal an Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. B. H. RICE, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to prohibit the sale of seed cotton, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. TRANTHAM, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax in School District No. 1 of Kershaw County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. ALDRICH, pursuant to notice and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to fix the pay of Commissioners and Managers of Election and of the clerks, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1880.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on Message No. 4 of His Excellency and reported

A Joint Resolution to donate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the Saratoga Monumental Association.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to pay Hon. J. P. Reed the balance due for salary as Circuit Judge prior to November 1, 1876.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Also, made a report on

The petition of Hon. J. P. Reed for payment of salary due him as Circuit Judge prior to November 1, 1876, which was ordered to be laid on the table, to be taken up in connection with Bill on same subject.

The Senate sent to this House the claim of C. E. Leaphart, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. DARGAN, the House adjourned at 9 o'clock to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1880.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. I. M. HUTSON, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with and confirmed without reading

On motion of Mr. HASKELL, the call by Counties was dispensed with.

The following Bills were respectively read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees within said Counties and to establish in their stead the office of Master ;' "

A Bill to provide for the payment of the indebtedness of the school districts of the County of Orangeburg.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, Resolutions, motions and such like papers.

Mr. DARGAN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide artificial limbs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs or arms during services in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL presented the account for election expenses for special election Abbeville County, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. MURRAY, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort," approved December 23d, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof.

Also,

A Bill to charter the Anderson and Easley Railroad Company.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. BRICE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Blythewood, in the County of Fairfield," approved 24th December, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. BROWN presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Belton, in Anderson County, praying that a Bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors in said town do not pass.

Also,

Asked and obtained leave of absence to withdraw from the files of the House a petition for the passage of a Bill on the same subject.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MILES introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately and made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow immediately after the expiration of the morning hour:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to reduce the volume of the public debt and provide for the payment of the same," approved December 22, 1873, the State Treasurer shall

make the arrangements necessary for the payment of the interest on the valid debt of the State which shall hereafter become payable, both at the State Treasury and at some place in the city of New York to be designated by the Comptroller General with the approval of the Governor.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of a Resolution of inquiry as to the recent decisions of the Supreme Court in *Duncan vs. Barrett* in the matter of the homestead law.

Mr. HASKELL presented the petition of taxpayers of Columbia relative to city debt, which was ordered to be printed and laid on the desks of members.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for third readings, which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate :

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg County ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and make the same applicable to a portion of Lexington County.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills and Joint Resolution as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading, which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate :

A Bill for the relief of certain taxpayers of Williamsburg County ;

A Bill authorizing the County Commissioners of any County to permit any person or body corporate to construct, maintain and operate a telephone line or lines over and along any public highway in their respective Counties ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Union County to apply to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the said County for the fiscal year 1878 the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the special tax levied to defray the expenses of erecting and maintaining fences on the limits of said County.

Also, reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1st, 1878, which was read the third time ; and the question being put, "Shall the Bill pass and be ordered to be sent to the Senate ?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 55; nays, 37.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Beaty, Brice, Britton, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Davant, Deal, Dewberry, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, Haskell, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Massey, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Muller, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Scarboro, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Watts and Westberry.—55.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, Bacon, Beard, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brodie, Brown, Callison, Cummings, Davies, Davis, Fox, Haltiwanger, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Johnstone, Mattison, Minus, Murray, Neel, Perry, E. D. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Walker, Wiggins and Wilson.—37.

So the Bill was passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. ALDRICH, from the Special Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was considered immediately and agreed to:

The Special Committee on Printing beg leave to report that they have inquired into the reason why certain Bills were printed out of their order, and to such inquiry the Committee have received the within reply of Mr. Charles A. Calvo, Jr., which is herewith submitted.

It is a pleasure to this Committee to add that, in their opinion, the Public Printers are without blame, but that their conduct was right and proper.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES ALDRICH,
D. PAUL SOJOURNER,
Committee.

OFFICE OF CALVO & PATTON, STATE PRINTERS,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 13, 1880.

James Aldrich, Esq.

DEAR SIR: In answer to your note of inquiry as a member of the Special Committee on Printing to ascertain why certain Bills were given precedence of others on the Calendar, I would say that Bill No. 8 was not received by me until yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock and was printed about three hours afterwards. The two Bills in relation to the city of Columbia debt were received from the Senate on Wednesday and printed, as were all the other Senate Bills, for that

body. Upon looking over the manuscripts of the House I discovered the same Bills, and, after printing for the Senate, made the necessary changes and printed for the House. The same thing caused the Bill to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company to be printed ahead of others.

While on this matter, I would say that Bills are frequently given to the compositors simultaneously, but, owing to length of the documents and causes of a mechanical character, (bad proofs, etc.,) there can be no certainty as to which will be delivered first.

Then again, a compositor may not have a sufficient quantity of letter in his case to take up a long Bill and could make progress on a shorter one, in which case the smaller paper is given him—often considerably out of its order.

It is impossible to control these matters either in or out of the printing office unless the will to do or order were accompanied by a magician's wand to supply the requisite help and material for every emergency.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES A. CALVO, JR.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the memorial of Henry Edmund Ravenel and Charles A. McHugh, respecting a Digest of South Carolina Reports, New Series, and reported the following Resolution :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the State Librarian be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to subscribe for fifty (50) copies of the Digest of the South Carolina Reports, New Series, prepared by Messrs. Henry Edmund Ravenel and Charles A. McHugh, and that he deposit the said copies in the Legislative Library.

Which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to amend the criminal law by declaring it a misdemeanor for any person or persons to hire or entice away the employees of the farmers of this State, whether they shall have contracted as such in writing or otherwise, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WATTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a report and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of

A Bill to prohibit the sale of seed cotton, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion, the House recurred to the morning hour.

Mr. SEEGERS asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the following claims:

Claim of R. E. Plumer;

Claim of J. W. Smith;

Claims of J. P. Southern, John Meighan and J. B. Ezell.

Mr. BACON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to afford relief to insolvent debtors, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ELKINS presented the claim of W. McB. Sloan, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate sent to this House the following claims:

Claim of News and Courier; also,

Claim of J. D. Everett; also,

Claim of M. B. Lucas; also,

Claim of Riordan & Dawson.

The reports were considered immediately, concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Joint Resolution to authorize A. E. Wilkes, of Greenville County, to apply for admission to practice in the Courts of the State, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. GAILLARD, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein," approved 23d December, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. NEEL, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Greenwood, South Carolina," which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Artisans' and Traders' Building and Loan Association, of Charleston, South Carolina, as correctly engrossed and

ready for a third reading, which was read the third time, passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

SPECIAL ORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE MORNING HOUR.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston," approved December 23, 1879.

The Bill was read the second time.

Mr. BEASLEY moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

Mr. MURRAY moved to lay the motion on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 61; nays, 42.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Beaty, Bell, Blakeney, Blue, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Cannon, Chase, Clarkson, Clements, Cooke, Davant, Deal, Donaldson, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Ficken, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Hamer, Harper, Haskell, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Kennedy, Lambson, Manigault, Massey, Mattison, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Murray, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Scarboro, Seegers, Shaw, B. Simmons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Walker, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—61.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Calhoun, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Dargan, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Fox, Frederick, Gaillard, Haltiwanger, R. R. Hemphill, Johnstone, Keller, Maree, McKissick, Moody, Muller, Neel, B. H. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Shoemaker, Skipper, Stephenson, Trantham and Westberry.—42.

So the motion was agreed to.

The Bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed and ready for a third reading

A Bill to declare public certain roads in Colleton and Horry Counties, which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same," which were respectively read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. CALLISON gave notice that he would to-morrow or some subsequent day ask leave to introduce

A Bill to prohibit the hire of convict labor for agricultural purposes. The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Joint Resolution to recommend a vote for or against a Convention was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow immediately after the morning hour.

A Bill further to amend the law in reference to the drawing and empanelling of juries was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company was referred to a Special Committee, composed of Messrs. Aldrich, Simonton and J. B. Cleveland, and made the Special Order of the day for this evening at 8 o'clock.

A Bill to alter the time of the sitting of the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas for Edgefield County, and to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9, 1877, was read the second time and the title amended so as to read

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved 9th June, 1877, so far as relates to the Circuit Courts of Edgefield and the Circuit Courts for the Eighth Circuit.

The Bill, as amended, was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill to grant certain powers to the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina;

A Bill to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, of Union;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds or stocks;"

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville;"

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands," approved December 23, 1879;

A Bill authorizing the electors of the town of Hamburg to elect an Intendant and Wardens of said town;

A Joint Resolution for the relief of William Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court of Aiken County, South Carolina;

A Bill to charter a public road in Horry County from a point known as St. John's Chapel, on the Conwayboro and Piroway Road, to a point known as Livingston's plantation, on the Conwayboro and Little River Road;

A Bill to incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society;

A Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay to William H. Dorrill, County Auditor, certain claim paid by him for the assessing of property within said County;

A Bill to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges," so far as the same relates to the County of Newberry;

A Bill to authorize the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Columbia to issue bonds and scrip to fund the city debt which shall be outstanding on the first day of July, A. D. 1880;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts" so far as the same relates to the Eighth Circuit was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the sale of seed cotton between the time of the setting and rising of the sun and to regulate the sale of seed cotton," approved June 8, 1877, and to regulate the traffic in seed cotton was read the second time.

Mr. LAMBSON moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

Mr. CALLISON called the previous question, which was sustained and the main question ordered; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 68; nays, 33.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Bacon, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Britton, Brown, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, J. B. Cleveland, Cummings, Dar-

gan, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Elkins, Ficken, Fox, Frederick, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Lambson, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Mattison, Miles, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Neel, Perry, E. D. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Suber, Walker, Westbery, Wiggins and Wilson.—68.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Barron, Bell, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brodie, Clowney, Cooke, Davies, Donaldson, Earle, Fulmore, Gaillard, Harper, Keller, Kennedy, Massey, McKissick, J. A. Miller, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Scarboro, Seegers, Shoemaker, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham and Watts.—33.

So the enacting words of the Bill were stricken out.

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad was made the Special Order of the day for this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The resolving clause of a Joint Resolution to provide for a Commission to revise the laws in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes and to codify the same was stricken out.

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Sea Island Steamboat Company, approved March 10, 1876, was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

The enacting words of a Bill to change the name of James Sultan, of Horry County, were stricken out.

A Bill to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes, was read the second time; and the question being put, "Shall the Bill be ordered to be engrossed for a third reading?"

Pending the discussion,

On motion of Mr. D. W. ANDERSON, the House recessed from business at 3 o'clock P. M. until 7½ o'clock P. M.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

On motion the House recurred to the morning hour.

Mr. SOJOURNER, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to exempt the Barnwell and Blackville Railroad from taxation, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. MURRAY, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to regulate sales of real estate in Anderson County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on

A Bill to further amend the law in reference to the drawing and empanelling of juries, which was made the Special Order for this evening at 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the consideration of petitions for and against selling of liquors within the town of Belton, Anderson County.

Mr. AUSTIN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Camperdown Manufacturing Company, of Greenville, S. C.," approved December 22, 1875, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

A Bill to repeal Section 34, Chapter CXI, of the General Statutes, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate sent to this House a Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to authorize the County Commissioners of Union County to apply to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the said County for the fiscal year 1878, the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the special tax levied to defray the expenses of erecting and maintaining fences on the limits of said County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to issue to Josephus Woodruff or his attorney deficiency bonds or stock in lieu of certain Big Bonanza warrants turned over to the State through error, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

A Bill to authorize the consolidation of the Augusta, Knoxville and Greenwood Railroad Company of this State and the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad Company of the State of Georgia, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also,

Claim of C. O. Brown & Bro.; also,

Claim of E. R. Stokes ; also,

Claim of R. J. Scriven.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock' and to extend the same to Greenville County and certain townships in Pickens County," approved December 23, 1879, so far as it relates to Pickens County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to regulate the collection of the taxes voted to the Savannah Valley Railroad Company in certain towns and townships in Anderson and Abbeville Counties, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A Bill (S. B.) to charter the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company of South Carolina.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

The House resumed the consideration of a Bill to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes.

The question being put, (upon which the yeas and nays were requested in the morning session,) "Shall the Bill be ordered to a third reading?" the request for the yeas and nays was withdrawn and the Bill ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Special Committee to whom was referred a Bill to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company, made a favorable report, which was agreed to and the Bill ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of a Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Bill was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a

Bill to incorporate the town of Peak's Station, in Lexington County, as correctly engrossed and ready for a third reading.

The Bill was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill further to amend the law in reference to the drawing and empanelling of juries.

The Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, the title having been changed so as to read by inserting after the word "empanelling" the words "and term of service."

Mr. MURRAY moved that the House do now adjourn; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

Yeas, 65; nays, 36.

Those voting in the affirmative are;

Messrs. Allen, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bradley, Erice, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummings, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Fox, Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Ganzalez, Haliwanger, Hamer, Harper, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Humbert, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lambson, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Moody, Murray, Neel, Redfearn, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Watts, Westberry and Wilson.—65.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, Bacon, Barron, Beard, Bowman, Britton, Cherry, Clowney, Dargan, Davant, Dewberry, Ficken, Fulmore, Graham, Haskell, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Leaphart, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Perry, W. B. Rice, Scarboro, J. Simons, Simonton, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker and Wiggins.—36.

So the motion was agreed to and the House was adjourned at 9:45 P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1880.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was confirmed without reading.

The SPEAKER announced that Mr. Neel was added to the Committees on Agriculture, Education and Medical Committee.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, the call by Counties was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, and such like papers.

On motion of Mr. BEASLEY, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Chase for one day.

On motion of Mr. GRAHAM, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Lambson for two days.

Mr. AUSTIN, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to punish persons enticing agricultural laborers to leave and reside beyond the limits of this State, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. CALLISON, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State,'" and to prohibit the hiring out of convicts for agricultural purposes, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Librarian of the State Library be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver to the Librarian of the Supreme Court, to be deposited in the Library of the Supreme Court, all law books now in the State Library and such as may hereafter be received.

THIRD READING.

A Bill to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston

County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Mr. BRITTON moved to recommit the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative, and the yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 24; nays, 64.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, D. W. Anderson, Beard, Beasley Bowen, Britton, Clarkson, W. C. Cleveland, Deal, Davis, Frederick, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Hamer, Keller, Lambson, J. S. Miller, Muller, Shoemaker, Skipper, Suber, Trantham and Walker.—24.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Ficken, Fox, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Harper, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Manigault, Maree, Mattison, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Murray, Neel, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Shaw, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—69.

So the House refused to agree to the motion to recommit.

The Bill was then passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Sea Island Steamboat Company, approved March 10, 1876, which was read the third time and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

A Bill to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company, which was ordered to be laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE MORNING HOUR.

Concurrent Resolution in relation to the places of payment of the interest on the valid debt of the State.

The Resolution was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to regulate the collection of the taxes voted to the Savannah Valley Railroad Company in certain towns and townships in Anderson and Abbeville Counties, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND made a report on the petition of **W. P. Russell & Co.**, which was considered immediately and agreed to.

Mr. DAVIES, from the Committee on Railroads, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to repeal an Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Bill to authorize the consolidation of the Augusta, Knoxville and Greenwood Railroad Company of this State and the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad Company of the State of Georgia.

Which were severally ordered for consideration on Monday next.

On motion of **Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON**, the Committee on Federal Relations was discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the Convention of Railroad Commissioners held at Columbus, Ohio.

On motion of **Mr. ALDRICH**, leave of absence was granted to **Mr. Bell** for one day.

On motion of **Mr. BLUE**, leave of absence was granted to **Mr. Rodgers** until Wednesday next on account of sickness.

On motion of **Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON**, leave of absence was granted to **Mr.** for balance of session.

On motion of **Mr. McKISSICK**, leave of absence was granted to **Mr. B. H. Rice** for one day.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston," approved December 23d, 1879, which was read the first time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills and Resolutions as properly engrossed and ready for third readings:

A Bill to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title X, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges," so far as the same relates to the County of Newberry;

A Bill authorizing the electors of the town of Hamburg to elect an Intendant and Wardens of said town;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands," approved 23d December, A. D. 1879;

Joint Resolution to authorize and require the the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay to **Wm. H. Dorrill**, County Auditor, certain claim paid by him for the assessing of property within said County;

Joint Resolution for the relief of **William Green** as surety to a bond

for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court of Aiken County, South Carolina.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, of Union ;

A Bill to charter a public road in Horry County, from a point known as St. John's Chapel, on the Conwayboro and Fireway Road, to a point known as Livingston plantation, on the Conwayboro and Little River road ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds and stocks," approved December 24th, 1879 ;

A Bill to grant certain powers to the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina ;

A Bill to incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved 9th June, A. D. 1877, so far as relates to the Circuit Courts for the County of Edgefield and the Circuit Courts for the Eighth Circuit.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL, the House recurred to the morning hour.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to R. Swaffield, executor of W. C. Frank, a certificate of State Capitol stock, drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been burnt.

The report was considered immediately and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a favorable report on

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State" and to prohibit the hiring out of convicts for agricultural purposes, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

Claim of C. O. Brown & Bro.; also,

Claim of E. R. Stokes.

The reports were considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with concurrence.

Also,

Claim of R. E. Plumer.

The report was agreed to, claim passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Also,

Claim of W. McB. Sloan.

The report was agreed to and the claim ordered to be paid.

On motion of Mr. SHAW, the Committee on Claims was discharged from the further consideration of claim of W. M. Thomas and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

Claim of J. W. Perrin for expenses of special election.

The report was agreed to and the claim was withdrawn by Mr. R. R. Hemphill.

Mr. CLOWNEY, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Blackstock and Rocky Mount Narrow Gauge Railroad Company, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. J. P. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Federal Relations, made a report on Message No. 3 of His Excellency the Governor, covering Resolution of the Legislature of Tennessee, as to the celebration of the centennial of King's Mountain, which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

The following was ordered to be spread on the Journal:

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL asks leave to spread upon the Journal that he would have voted against the insertion of Abbeville County in a Bill to amend the law in reference to the drawing and empanelling of juries had he been present, for the following reasons:

I. Because by the law as it stands the Board of Jury Commissioners for Abbeville County have already prepared their jury lists for the present year with a view to a single jury, and this change might result in an insufficiency of names of competent men for double the number.

II. Because every jury law that is passed has to undergo judicial construction before its provisions can be clearly understood and put in practical and easy operation.

III. Because it will add to the County expenses in the way of mileage and per diem of juries and the costs of summoning jurors.

IV. Because if the jury list has not been prepared with a view to this change the Fall Term will be defeated, and prisoners will be kept in jail until the Spring Term of next year at a vast expense to the County.

V. Because the Courts in Abbeville County average about ten days and these extra jurors will be entirely superfluous.

VI. Because the change will double the expenses of Court and bring about no end of confusion and litigation by reason of conflict with the present law.

SPECIAL ORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER MORNING HOUR.

A Joint Resolution to recommend a vote for or against a convention was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, the Special Order was discharged and the same was made the Special Order of the day for Monday next immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. EARLE, the enacting words of a Bill to regulate the manner of denominating the law and equity reports of this State were ordered to be stricken out.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to the Carolina National Bank of Columbia, S. C., a certain check or draft drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been either lost or destroyed ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers therein mentioned," approved March 22, 1878.

The following Bill was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday next :

A Bill to enable the Euterprise Railroad Company, of Charleston, to reduce its capital stock to two hundred thousand dollars.

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to R. Swaffield, executor of H. C. Franck, a certificate of State Capitol stock, drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been burnt, was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Claim of Abbeville Medium was passed and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Resolution of Mr. HASKELL in reference to introduction of Bills having been amended so as to read

Resolved, That no Bill or Joint Resolution shall be introduced after Saturday, 14th instant, at 12 o'clock M., except by a Committee, unless by unanimous consent, and was then agreed to.

A Bill granting certain privileges to persons renting stalls in the markets of the city of Charleston.

Mr. ECKHARD offered the following as Section 5 to the Bill:

“The City Board of Health, or three-fourths of them, shall, at any time, whenever in their judgment the public good demand the same, close any or all such places doing business under this Act, or, upon a petition of one-fifth of the inhabitants of any ward in which such business of selling meats as is herein permitted, the same being reported as a nuisance, and injurious to the preservation of the public health, the City Recorder shall order said place or places to be immediately closed, and on failure to do so shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.”

Mr. GONZALEZ called the previous question, which was sustained and the main question ordered.

Mr. GONZALEZ moved to lay the amendment on the table; and the question being put, “Will the House agree thereto?” it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 84; nays, 4.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Barron, Beaty, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Edens, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Hamer, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Keller, Kennedy, Lawton, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Neel, Perry, Redfearn, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Seegers, Shaw, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts and Wilson.—84.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Bacon, Eckhard, W. B. Rice and Smalls.—4.

So the motion was agreed to.

The Bill was then read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 12 O'CLOCK M.

The House proceeded to the consideration of

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which had been made the Special Order of the day for this day at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 34; nays, 68.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Barron, Bowman, Brice, Cannon, Carlisle, Child, Clowney, Cummings, Dewberry, Fox, Gantt, Graham, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, Keller, Leaphart, McKissick, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shoemaker, B. Simmons and Skipper.—34.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Austin, Bacon, Beard, Beasley, Bell, Blue, Bowen, Bradley, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Cherry, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Davant, Deal, Davies, Davis, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Elkins, Ficken, Gaillard, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lambson, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, Miles, J. A. Miller, Minus, Murray, Neel, Perry, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Seegers, Shaw, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—68.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

The Bill was read the second time.

Pending the discussion thereon,

On motion of Mr. COOKE, the House receded from business at 3:15 P. M. until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The House resumed the consideration of

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad.

Mr. MILES offered the following as a substitute for Section three of the Bill, and insert the following as Section 5:

"SEC. 5. The State of South Carolina hereby pledges her faith that all taxes for State, County or municipal purposes, saving and excepting the taxes for free schools, shall be remitted to any persons or body or bodies corporate or their assigns for twenty years consecutively who will begin the construction of the said road from its present terminus at or

near Walhalla before 1st January, 1881, and shall complete the same to the connection at Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, within three years from the said 1st January, 1881."

Mr. EARLE called the previous question on the motion, which was sustained; and the question being put "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 60; nays, 37.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, Austin, Beard, Beasley, Blakeney, Blue, Bradley, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Cherry, Cleveland, Clowney, Cooke, Davant, Deal, Davies, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Fox, Fulmore, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Mattison, Miles, J. A. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Murray, Neel, Perry, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Suber, Trantham, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—60.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. P. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Beaty, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Cannon, Carlisle, Child, Davis, Dewberry, Edens, Frederick, Gaillard, Garrison, Graham, Humbert, Keller, Leaphart, McKissick, J. S. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson and Wilson.—37.

So the House agreed to the motion.

Mr. MURRAY called the previous question on the whole matter.

The question being put: "Shall the Bill be ordered to a third reading?" it was decided in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 58; nays, 38.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, Austin, Bacon, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blakeney, Blue, Bradley, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Clowney, Cooke, Davant, Davies, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Eckhard, Fox, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lawton, Manigault, Maree, Mattison, Miles, J. A. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Murray, Neel, Perry, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Suber, Trantham, Watts, Westberry and Wiggins.—58.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Cannon, Carlisle, Child, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Edens, Frederick, Fulmore, Gaillard, Garrison, Graham, Humbert, Keller, Leaphart, Massey, McKissick, J. S. Miller, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, J. C. Richardson, E. D. Richardson, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Skipper, Sojourner and Wilson.—38.

So the Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. MURRAY moved to reconsider the vote by which the Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, and moved to lay that motion on the table, which was agreed to.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on the Senate's report on petition of R. J. Scriven.

The report was concurred in and ordered to be returned to the Senate.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a favorable report on the petition of the County Commissioners of Kershaw County, which was recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. BUIST, the Committee of Ways and Means was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Mrs. Mary A. Ahrens for reduction of assessment and taxes on her property.

Mr. MAREE, pursuant to notice, and by consent of the House, introduced

A Bill to establish and charter Jacksonboro Ferry, on Edisto River, in Colleton County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

The Senate sent to this House

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate the Manning and Wright's Bluff Tram Road Company, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, of Union, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, the sum of four hundred dollars for extra labor in making the assessments of property in Edgefield County for the fiscal year 1879, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution to authorize the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein," which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to authorize and direct the State Treasurer to reissue to E. M. Brayton a Treasurer's due bill, lost or destroyed,

and to fund the same into deficiency bonds, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A Bill (S. B.) to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Easley Station, in Pickens County, on the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway, or within two miles of the incorporate limits thereof, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

A Bill (S. B.) to amend the charter of the town of Port Royal, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a Bill to amend the law in reference to the drawing, empanelling and term of service of juries as correctly engrossed for a third reading, which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Lexington County to pay to William Johnston the sum of sixty-three dollars and twenty-four cents, the amount of rebate as allowed by the Comptroller General for taxes for years 1875 and 1876;

A Joint Resolution to allow C. M. Westberry, of Colleton County, to change the Walterboro and George's Station Road;

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Aiken;

A Bill to incorporate the town of Cowpens, in Spartanburg County.

The enacting words of the following Bills were stricken out:

A Bill to provide for funding the debt of Charleston County for the fiscal year beginning November 1, 1876;

A Bill to amend the railroad laws of this State;

A Bill to require a special license for dogs;

A Bill (favorable) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties," approved December 24, 1878.

Mr. COOKE moved to reconsider the vote whereby the enacting words of this Bill were stricken out and to lay that motion on the table.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL, it was ordered that when this House adjourns it stand adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock A. M. on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. I. M. HUTSON, the House adjourned at 10:10 P. M. to meet on Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1880.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. BRITTON, the call by Counties was dispensed with.

THIRD READING.

A Bill to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company, of Charleston, to reduce its capital stock to two hundred thousand dollars was read the third time and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER called for Bills, notices of Bills, Resolutions, motions and such like papers.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the claim of A. S. Todd, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. COOKE introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That for the future the evening sessions of the House be devoted to the consideration of General Orders only.

Mr. BRITTON introduced the following Resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Whereas it has been learned that one of the departments of the State government has had, or is about to have, its work, requiring printing, executed outside of this State; and whereas it is deemed injurious to the publishing interests of this State that this class of work should be transferred to other sources for execution, while within the State can be found parties competent to consummate the same; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this House that all work requiring printing for the several departments of the State government, legislative, judicial and Executive, be done within the State of South Carolina.

Mr. BUIST introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That upon the delivery to him, by the Trustees of the State Orphan

Asylum, of all personal property and moneys now under their control, pertaining to the said State Orphan Asylum, the Secretary of State is hereby authorized to give to the said Trustees a full acquittance for the same; that such property, other than moneys, shall be held subject to the disposition of the Sinking Fund Commission, and all moneys so received be deposited in the Treasury.

Resolved, further, That the possession of all real estate pertaining to said State Orphan Asylum be at the same time delivered to the Secretary of State, to be held subject to the direction of the Sinking Fund Commission; the said Trustees making any necessary legal conveyances to the State.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following:

CHARLESTON, S. C., February 10th, 1880.

Hon. J. C. SHEPPARD, Speaker House of Representatives:

RESPECTED SIR—Having been appointed a Ministerial Trial Justice for the city of Charleston, and having entered into the duties of said office, I therefore, in conformity with Section 28 of Article II of the Constitution of South Carolina, tender you this my letter of resignation as Representative from Charleston County.

I am respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM T. ELFE.

Mr. ELKINS presented claim of Calvo & Patton, which was referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON presented the claim of The Telephone for advertising special election, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. CHASE presented the petition of sundry citizens praying that the name of Lynch's Creek be changed to Lynch's River, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Agriculture.

The SPEAKER called for reports from standing Committees.

Mr. CLOWNEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a report and reported

A Bill to extend the provisions of the fence law to part of Township No. 8, in Fairfield County, which was read the first time and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, the sum of four hundred dollars for extra labor in making the assessment of property in Edgefield County for the fiscal year 1879.

The report was agreed to and the Bill was laid on the table and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also, made a favorable report on

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to authorize and direct the State Treasurer to reissue to E. M. Brayton a Treasurer's due bill, lost or destroyed, and to fund the same into deficiency bonds, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. BUIST, the Committee of Ways and Means was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Commissioners of Kershaw County and the same referred to the Kershaw Delegation.

Mr. DEAL, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to prohibit the sale of spirits or liquor in the town of Easley Station, in Pickens County, on the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SCARBORO, from the Committee on Incorporations, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Joint Resolution to recommend a vote for or against a convention.

The Special Order was discharged and the same made the Special Order of the day for Tuesday, February 17, immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

Mr. JAMES SIMONS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report on

Petition of Enoree Rifles for aid in uniforming.

The report was agreed to and the Committee discharged.

Mr. GONZALEZ, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill to incorporate the Blackstock and Rocky Mount Narrow Gauge Railroad Company, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

Claim of A. S. Todd.

The report was considered immediately, agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills and Joint Resolutions as correctly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill granting certain privileges to persons renting stalls in the public markets of the city of Charleston ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to the Carolina National Bank, of Columbia, South Carolina, a certain draft or check drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been either lost or destroyed.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to authorize the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Columbia to issue bonds and scrip to fund the city debt which shall be outstanding on the 1st day of July, 1880 ;

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville."

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Joint Resolutions as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Joint Resolution to authorize L. M. Westbury, of Colleton County, to change the road leading from Walterboro to George's Station around his settlement ;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to R. Swaffield, executor of the last will and testament of H. C. Frank, a certain certificate which has been burnt.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to incorporate the town of Cowpens, in Spartanburg County, which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Aiken, which was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. C. G. HENDERSON, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to provide for funding the debt of Charleston County for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1876 ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys, and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers therein named," approved March 22nd, 1878.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bill as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which was read the third time, passed, and was ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Bill (from the Senate) to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to change the name of Fannie Chappell to Fannie Pitts and to permit her to inherit from David Pitts and Rebecca Pitts, or either of them, if they or either of them die intestate was taken up for consideration and was read the second time and the title amended by adding thereto "and to change the name of James Sultan, of Horry County," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to provide a stenographer for the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of any church, school house or college within this State."

Mr. W. HENDERSON moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

Mr. SOJOURNER called the previous question, which was sustained, and the main question ordered ; and the question being put, " Will the House agree thereto ?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 80 ; nays, 12.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brown, Cannon, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Clowney, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Eckhard, Edins, Elkins, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, W. Hen-

derson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lawton, Maree, Massey, Mattison, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Moody, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Neel, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Scarboro, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Watts, Wiggins and Wilson.—80.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, Callison, Clarkson, Gonzalez, Haltiwanger, Lachicotte, Manigault, Shaw, Skipper, Walker and Westberry.—12.

So the House agreed to the motion to strike out the enacting words.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Saluda Manufacturing Company, of Lexington County."

The enacting words were stricken out.

A Bill to open certain public roads in Edgefield County was taken up for consideration, read the second time and the title amended so as to read "A Bill to open certain public roads in Edgefield and Anderson Counties," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to provide for drainage in the Counties of Horry and Anderson was taken up for consideration and read the second time, and the title amended so as to read "A Bill to provide for drainage in the Counties of Horry, Spartanburg and Anderson," which was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Joint Resolution to authorize Alex. G. Clarkson to erect a gate across a public highway ;

A Bill to appoint Commissioners to take charge of the Downer Fund in Aiken County ;

A Bill to amend the law in relation to Trial Justices in Sumter County ;

A Joint Resolution to pay Hon. Thompson Cooke the balance of his salary as Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit due prior to the first day of November, A. D. 1876, upon presentation of the State Comptroller General's warrant ;

A Bill to regulate the pay of Trial Justices' Constables receiving no salary as provided for by law when paid by the Court ;

A Bill to incorporate Saint Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston ;

A Bill to require the attendance of the Solicitors of this State upon the sessions of the General Assembly and to define their duties ;

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to extend a road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County," approved December 12, 1879 ;

A Bill to amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to service of notice of appeal in Courts of Trial Justice;

A Bill to amend Section 7 of Chapter CXI, Title II, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the qualification of jurors;

A Bill to authorize and require the Board of Jury Commissioners for Sumter County to prepare a new jury list for said County for the year 1880;

A Bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Clinton, in the County of Laurens;

A Bill to relieve E. P. Brown from further expense in keeping up a bridge across Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County, known as "Brown's Bridge;"

A Bill to amend Act entitled "An Act for the protection and preservation of useful animals," approved March 12, 1872;

A Bill to conform all special Acts of incorporation to the provisions of the Constitution of this State respecting the liability of stockholders therein.

On motion of Mr. SOJOURNER, the House recessed from business at 2:50 o'clock P. M. until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Alexander Robertson, for his children, a certain certificate of State stock, the original of which has been lost or destroyed;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to grant, renew and amend the charters of certain towns and villages therein mentioned," so far as said Act relates to the town of Sumter;

A Bill to incorporate the Prudential Life Insurance Company, of Charleston, S. C.;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the Board of Examiners for Richland County to audit and approve all accounts for necessary printing for the County of Richland through the School Commissioner's office, in the scholastic years 1878, 1879, and all similar accounts that may be presented for payment in subsequent years;

A Bill to provide for a public guardian of the estates of minors, idiots and lunatics, and to define his powers and duties and fix his liabilities;

A Bill to regulate the admission of patients into the State Lunatic Asylum ;

A Bill to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax in School District No. 1 of Kershaw County ; .

A Bill to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to the lower portion of lower township in Richland County without an election was taken up for consideration, read the second time, the title amended by adding thereto "and to a certain portion of Fairfield County," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to establish by law the voting precincts in the various Counties in this State,'" so far as the same relates to Edgefield County, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, amended so as to read "A Bill to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to make certain changes in the voting precincts of the various Counties therein named,' approved 24th December, 1879, so far as the same relates to Edgefield County," and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Claim of C. E. Leaphart, late County Auditor of Lexington, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Report (favorable) on Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to pay Hon. J. P. Reed the balance due for salary as Circuit Judge prior to November 1st, 1876, was taken up for consideration, read the second time and several amendments offered.

Mr. CARLISLE moved that the Bill and amendments be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary ; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 75 ; nays, 12.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Child, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Edens, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, W. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Manigault, Massey, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Neel, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham and Wiggins.—75.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Austin, Brown, Buist, Donaldson, Ficken, Mattison, Murray, Redfearn, J. Simons, Walker, Westberry and Wilson.—12.

So the House agreed to the motion to recommit.

Mr. JOHNSTONE moved to reconsider the vote whereby a Joint Resolution to pay Hon. Thompson Cooke the balance of his salary as Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit due prior to the first day of November, A. D. 1876, upon presentation of the State Comptroller General's warrant was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. AUSTIN moved to lay the motion on the table ; and the question be put, " Will the House agree thereto ? " it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 45 ; nays, 41.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beaty, Bowman, Bradley, Brown, Child, Clarkson, W. C. Cleveland, Cummings, Deal, Donaldson, Edens, Ficken, Fox, Frederick, Garrison, C. J. C. Hutson, Haliwanger, Hamer, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Manigault, Massey, Mattison, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Neel, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, Shoemaker, J. Simons, Stephenson, Trantham, Walker, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—45.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Beard, Beasley, Blue, Brice, Britton, Bowen, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Eckhard, Fulmore, Graham, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, Johnstone, Leaphart, McKissick, Miles, T. E. Miller, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, B. Simmons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner and Suber.—41.

So the House agreed to the motion.

Report of Committee of Ways and Means on Message of His Excellency the Governor with a Joint Resolution to donate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the Saratoga Monumental Association.

The resolving words were stricken out.

A Bill to fix the pay of Commissioners and Managers of Election and of their clerks.

The enacting words were stricken out.

The Senate returned to this House with amendments

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina," approved December 23, 1879.

The amendments were severally concurred in, the title changed to that of an Act, and the Act ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate sent to this House the following Bills :

Joint Resolution to authorize T. C. Whitworth to close a certain abandoned road in Richland County, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

A Bill to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also,

A Bill to protect the citizens of the Townships of Beaufort, Ladies' Island, St. Helena and Hilton Head, of Beaufort County, against damage from live stock, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate Saint Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C., which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference, and not to be printed.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties," approved December 24th, 1878, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also,

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate the Lewisville Manufacturing Company, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

The Senate sent to this House the following Concurrent Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

Whereas it appears from the report of the Attorney General, dated 16th December, 1879, in response to a Resolution of the General Assembly that in cases arising in the Court of Common Pleas for Richland County, in one of which James S. Gibbes and others are plaintiffs and the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company and others are defendants, and in the other the State, on the relation of the Attorney General, is plaintiff and the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company are defendants, questions are pending before the Supreme Court of the State involving the priorities of the several classes of bonds of the said company; and whereas pending the controversy a sale of the property of the said company has been ordered by the Court of Common Pleas for Richland County, to be made on the fifteenth day of April next; and whereas by the endorsement of the guaranty of the State upon bonds of the said company to the extent of about fourteen hundred thousand

dollars, by a lien upon the property of the said company, the State has become liable for the payment thereof on default by the said company; and whereas it has been represented that the endorsement of a large portion of such bonds, amounting to about five hundred thousand dollars, was made without authority of law, and that, without inquiry into the facts of such endorsement, the said bonds have been decreed to be valid and subsisting obligations of the State :

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby, requested to institute such proceedings as may be necessary to ascertain the facts in relation to the endorsement of the guaranty of the State on the said bonds, and whether the said endorsement has been made in such manner as to constitute the same a binding obligation of the State; and to take such further action in the premises as may be effectual to protect the interests of the State in relation to such endorsements as may be ascertained to have been made without authority of law, and also in relation to the time and terms of the sale of the said property.

On motion, the House recurred to the morning hour.

Mr. DAVIES, from the Committee on Railroads, made a favorable report on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a Railroad Commissioner of the State of South Carolina and to define his duties," approved December 24th, 1878, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DEAL, from the Committee on Railroads, made a report on

A Bill (S. B.) to amend the charter of the town of Port Royal, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MANIGAULT, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, made a report and reported

A Bill to change the name of Lynch's Creek to Lynch's River, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL asked that the following be spread upon the Journal:

Mr. R. R. HEMPHILL asked leave to spread upon the Journal the following:

He did not vote on the Blue Ridge Railroad Bill because he was paired with Mr. Walker, of Charleston; he would have voted against the Bill and Mr. Walker would have voted in favor of it.

Mr. ALDRICH asked leave to withdraw from the files of the House papers filed with claim of Charles Edmundston.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL, the vote whereby the enacting words of a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Saluda Manufacturing Company, of Lexington County," were stricken out was reconsidered. The Bill was then read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. SHAW, the vote whereby the resolving words of a Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, the sum of four hundred dollars for extra labor in making the assessment of property in Edgefield County for the fiscal year 1879 were stricken out was reconsidered. The Joint Resolution was then ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. CHASE asked leave of absence for Mr. Cannon for two days.

Mr. EARLE asked leave of absence for Mr. Scarboro for two days.

Mr. HARPER asked leave of absence for Mr. J. H. Rice for remainder of the session.

Mr. BLUE asked leave of absence for Mr. Moody for remainder of the session.

Mr. HUMBERT asked leave of absence for Mr. Watts for the remainder of the session.

Mr. C. J. C. HUTSON asked leave of absence for Mr. Lawton for three days.

Mr. HASKELL introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary be required to forthwith report to this body—

The number of convicts leased or employed upon any work.

To whom hired; upon what terms.

By what authority; and, if employed by the State, upon what service.

And any further particulars necessary to furnish this body with full information in the premises.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, the House adjourned at 10 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1880.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1880.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion, the call by Counties was dispensed with.

THIRD READING.

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company was read the third time, passed, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Joint Resolution to recommend a vote for or against a Convention was discharged, and the same made the special order of the day for tomorrow immediately after the expiration of the morning hour.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the House recurred to the morning hour.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to pay Hon. J. P. Reed the balance due for salary as Circuit Judge prior to November 1, 1876.

Also, on

A Bill to prohibit the carrying of concealed deadly weapons.

Also, on

A Concurrent Resolution (from the Senate) instructing the Attorney General to take proceedings to protect the interests of the State in the matter of the bonds of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad.

Which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHAW, from the Committee on Claims, made a favorable report on

The claim of C. E. Leaphart.

The report was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the Senate with concurrence.

Also, made an unfavorable report on

The account of the Telephone.

The report was considered immediately, agreed to, and the claim withdrawn by Mr. R. R. Hemphill.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 16, 1879.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it refuses to agree to the reports of the House Committee on Claims on the claims of A. S. Todd, Journal Clerk of the House, for indexing the House Journal for session of 1879, and of Abbeville Medium for advertising special election of member of the House of Representatives in February, 1880, for the reasons (as stated in Senate Committee report thereon) that they are "charges against the contingent fund of the House, if charges at all," and "the Senate has no right to consider the same."

The Senate therefore herewith returns said claims with the House Committee and Senate Committee reports thereon.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Senate sent to this House
Claims of A. S. Todd;

Also,

Account of Abbeville Medium.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on

Petition of David McPherson to be refunded overpaid taxes, which was considered immediately and agreed to.

Mr. BUIST asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House the above petition.

Mr. BACON asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House claim of Dr. John Lynch.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to open certain public roads in Edgefield and Anderson Counties;

A Bill to require the attendance of the Solicitors of this State upon the sessions of the General Assembly and to define their duties;

A Bill to amend the law in relation to Trial Justices in Sumter County;

A Bill to prohibit the manufacturing and sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Clinton, in Laurens County, in the State of South Carolina.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to relieve E. P. Brown of further expense in keeping up a bridge across Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County, known as Brown's Bridge;

A Bill to appoint Commissioners to take charge of the Downer Fund in Aiken County;

A Bill to regulate the pay of Trial Justice Constables receiving no salary, as provided for by law, when paid for by the County;

A Bill to incorporate St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C.;

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to extend the road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County," approved December 12th, 1879.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Lexington County to pay to Wm. Johnston sixty-three dollars and twenty-four cents, amount of rebate allowed by the Comptroller General for taxes for the years 1875 and 1876;

A Joint Resolution to authorize Alex. G. Clarkson to erect and maintain a gate across the public road leading from Camden to McCord's Ferry, in Richland County, at a point one and a half miles from Clarkson's Turnout;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to grant, renew and amend the charters of certain towns and villages therein mentioned," so far as the same relates to the town of Sumter;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the protection and preservation of useful animals," approved March 12, 1872;

A Bill to amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of General Statutes, in relation to the service of notice of appeals in Courts of Trial Justice;

A Bill to amend Section 7 of Chapter CXI, Title I, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the qualification of jurors.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to pay Hon. Thompson H. Cooke the balance of his salary as Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, due prior to the first day of November, A. D. 1876, upon presentation of the State Comptroller General's warrant.

The Bill was read the third time, and

Mr. DARGAN moved to recommit the Joint Resolution; and the question being put, "Shall the Bill be recommitted, it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 31; nays, 53.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Beard, Blue, Brice, Britton, Carlisle, Cassidy, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Dargan, Davies, Dewberry, Eckhard, Gantt, Graham, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Wm. Henderson, Humbert, Johnstone, Keller, Lachicotte, McKissick, Miles, Richards, Shaw, B. Simmons, Smalls, Sojourner and Suber.—31.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Beasley, Beaty, Bowen, Bradley, Buist, Callison, Child, Clements, W. C. Cleveland, Cummings, Deal, Davis, Dorroh, Earle, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Garrison, Hamer, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Leaphart, Manigault, Maree, Massey, Mattison, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Neel, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. C. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Shoemaker, Simonton, Skipper, Trantham, Walker, Wiggins and Wilson.—53.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The Bill was then ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The Senate returned to this House

Concurrent Resolution fixing the day for the adjournment of this General Assembly, with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Saluda Manufacturing Company, of Lexington County;"

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Board of Examiners for Richland County to audit and approve accounts for necessary printing for the County of Richland through the School Commissioner's office in the scholastic year 1878-79 and all similar accounts that may be presented for payment in subsequent years;

A Bill to authorize and require the Board of Jury Commissioners for Sumter County to prepare a new jury list for said County for the year 1880.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax in School District No. 1 of Kershaw County for the purpose of maintaining one or more graded public schools in said district;

A Bill to conform all special Acts of incorporation to the provisions of the Constitution of the State respecting the liabilities of stockholders therein.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide artificial limbs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs or arms during military services in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865" was taken up for consideration, read the second time, the title amended so as to read "A Bill to repeal an Act entitled 'An Act to provide artificial limbs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs or arms during military services in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865,'" and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. BACON moved to reconsider the vote whereby a Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to provide artificial limbs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs or arms during military services in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865" was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. MURRAY moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 50; nays, 45.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, J. C. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beaty, Bowen, Bowman, Brown, Callison, Child, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Deal, Davies, Dorroh, Edens, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, Keller, Maree, Massey, Mattison, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Minus, Murray, Neel, B. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Skipper, Westberry and Wilson.—50.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Austin, Bacon, Beasley, Blue, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Buist, Carlisle, Cassidy, Chase, Cherry, Cooke, Davis, Donaldson, Earle, Eckhard, Elkins, Ficken, Gonzalez, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Mani-

gault, McKissick, Miles, Morrison, Muller, Perry, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, J. Simons, Simontou, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Walker and Wiggins.—45.

So the House agreed to the motion to lay on the table the motion to reconsider.

A Bill (report favorable, with amendments,) to amend the criminal law by declaring it a misdemeanor for any person to hire or entice away the employees of the farmers of this State was taken up for consideration and read the second time.

Mr. FREDERICK moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

Mr. SOJOURNER moved to lay the motion on the table; and the question be put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 66; nays, 27.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Beard, Blue, Bowen, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Chase, Cherry, Child, Clowney, Cooke, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Davis, Donaldson, Earle, Eason, Edens, Fox, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Massey, Mattison, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Neel, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Shaw, Simonton, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson, Trantham, Wiggins and Wilson.—66.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Beasley, Bowman, Britton, Carlisle, Cassidy, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Cummings, Dewberry, Eckhard, Frederick, Fulmore, Gantt, Gonzalez, Graham, W. Henderson, Manigault, Maree, T. E. Miller, Perry, Rutledge, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Smalls, Suber and Walker.—27.

So the House agreed to the motion to lay on the table.

The Bill was then amended; and the question being put, "Shall the Bill be ordered to be engrossed for a third reading?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 69; nays, 28.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Cassidy, Child, Clowney, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Deal,

Davies, Dorroh, Earle, Eason, Edens, Fox, Fulmore, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McKissick, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Muller, Murray, Neel, Perry, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Shaw, Simonton, Skipper, Sojourner, Stephenson, Suber, Trantham, Wiggins and Wilson.—69.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Beard, Beasley, Britton, Buist, Carlisle, Chase, Cherry, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Davis, Dewberry, Eckhard, Frederick, Gantt, Gonzales, Graham, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, Manigault, T. E. Miller, Morrison, Rutledge, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Smalls and Walker.—28.

So the Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to exempt the Barnwell and Blackville Railroad from taxation.

Mr. moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 46; nays, 27.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Brice, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Childs, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Cummings, Dargan, Deal, Davies, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Edens, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Graham, J. J. Hemphill, Johnstone, Keller, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Massey, McKissick, Morrison, Muller, Richards, Shaw, Shoemaker, Skipper, Stephenson, Trantham and Wilson.—46.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Austin, Beard, Bradley, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Chase, Davant, Elkins, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, I. M. Hutson, Manigault, Mattison, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner and Walker.—27.

So the House agreed to the motion to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

Mr. SOJOURNER asked leave to have spread upon the Journal his reasons for voting to exempt the Barnwell and Blackwell Railroad from taxation, to wit: That the House of Representatives, by their action, deemed it proper and right to grant certain relief to the Blue Ridge Railroad and other internal improvements, therefore I have voted in favor of the same provisions of the Barnwell and Blackville Railroad.

Memorial of Henry Edmund Ravenel and Charles A. McHugh respecting a digest of South Carolina Reports, (New Series, together with Resolution by Judiciary Committee.)

The report of the Committee was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Camperdown Manufacturing Company, of Greenville, S. C.," approved December 22, 1875, was taken up for consideration, read the second time and amended so as to read :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Camperdown Mills, in the State of South Carolina," approved December 22, 1875, and, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill (favorable) to afford relief to insolvent debtors was indefinitely postponed.

A Joint Resolution authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to issue to Josephus Woodruff or his attorney deficiency bonds or stock in lieu of certain Big Bonanza warrants turned over to the State through error was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to regulate sales of real estate in Anderson County.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A Joint Resolution to authorize N. E. Wilks, of Greenville County, to apply for admission to practice in the Courts of this State.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Union County to apply to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the said County for the fiscal year 1878 the unexpended balance of the special taxes levied to defray the expenses of erecting and maintaining fences on the limits of said County was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill to prohibit the sale of seed cotton.

The enacting words were stricken out.

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company of South Carolina was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to charter the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock ' and to extend the same to Greenville County and certain townships in Pickens County," approved December 23, 1879, so far as the same relates to Pickens, was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to punish persons enticing agricultural laborers to leave and reside beyond the limits of this State.

The enacting words were stricken out.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort," approved December 23, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof ;

A Bill to charter the Anderson and Easley Railroad Company ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Blythewood, in the County of Fairfield," approved December 24, 1879.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Greenwood, S. C."

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in Fairfield County and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein," approved December 23, 1879.

A Bill to repeal an Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties was taken up for consideration and read the second time.

Mr. MURRAY offered the following amendment as Section 1 :

"SECTION 1. That the position of Clerk to the office of Railroad Commissioner, and the salary therefor, be, and the same is hereby, abolished."

Mr. JOHNSTONE moved to lay the amendment on the table ; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto ?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas 58 ; nays, 35.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Bacon, Barber, Beaty, Blue, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Brodie, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Chase, Cooke, Cummings, Davies, Davis, Edens, Elkins, Ficken, Fox, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Maree, McKissick, Miles, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Neel, Perry, W. B. Rice, Richards, J. P. Richardson, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber, Trantham, Walker and Wiggins.—58.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, Beard, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Brown, Carlisle, Cherry, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Deal, Dewberry, Frederick,

Fulmore, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, Hane, W. Henderson, Keller, Manigault, Massey, Mattison, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, T. E. Miller, Murray, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, E. D. Richardson, Shaw, Skipper, Stephenson, Westberry and Wilson.—35.

So the House agreed to the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. JOHNSTONE moved to lay the Bill on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 44; nays, 51.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Bacon, Blue, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Chase, Cooke, Davies, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gantt, Haltiwanger, Hane, Harper, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Manigault, Miles, T. E. Miller, Morrison, Neel, Perry, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, B. Simmons, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Suber, Trantham, Walker, Westberry and Wiggins.—44.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Blakeney, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Edens, Fox, Fulmore, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, J. J. Hemphill, Humbert, Keller, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, Mattison, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Minus, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shaw, Shoemaker, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson and Wilson.—51.

So the House refused to lay the Bill on the table.

The Bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill (S. B.) to authorize the consolidation of the Augusta, Knoxville and Greenwood Railroad Company of this State and the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad Company of the State of Georgia was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. BLUE, the House recessed from business at 3 o'clock until 7.30 o'clock this evening.

RECESS.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Concurrent Resolution in relation to the places of payment of the interest on the valid debt of the State.

Also,

A Bill to incorporate the town of Peak's Station, in Lexington County.

The amendments to the Bill were concurred in, title changed to that of an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same."

The House refused to concur in the amendments and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to fix the pay of Commissioners and Managers of Election and their clerks.

The Bill was read the first time and the Bill rejected and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation and for other purposes, with amendments.

The amendments were severally concurred in, title changed to that of an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 17, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists upon all its amendments to Bill (House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same," and respectfully asks that a Committee of Conference be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same, and that Messrs. Kinsler and Siegling have been appointed Committee on part of the Senate.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen on the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. Haskell, Simonton and Johnstone.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,
Memorial of Henry Edward Ravenel and others.

A Joint Resolution (unfavorable) to authorize the State Treasurer to pay Hon. J. P. Reed the balance due for salary as Circuit Judge prior to November 1st, 1876.

The Joint Resolution was read the second time.

Mr. JOHNSTONE moved to strike out the resolving words of the Joint Resolution.

Mr. AUSTIN called the previous question, which was sustained and the main question ordered; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 40; nays, 49.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Carlisle, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Fulmore, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, Johnstone, Keller, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, McKissick, Minus, Muller, Neal, B. H. Rice, Richards, Shoemaker and Stephenson.—40.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, Austin, Beaty, Blue, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Chase, Clarkson, Clements, Cooke, Cummings, Dargan, Donaldson, Earle, Edens, Ficken, Fox, Frederick, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, C. J. C. Hutson, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Manigault, Mattison, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Shaw, J. Simons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Trantham, Walker, Wiggins and Wilson.—49.

So the House refused to agree to the motion to strike out the resolving words of the Joint Resolution.

Mr. JOHNSTONE moved to lay the Joint Resolution on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 53; nays, 39.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Allen, A. F. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Britton, Buist, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Child, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Fox, Fulmore, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Graham, Haltiwanger, Harper, J. J. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, Johnstone, Keller, Leaphart, Maree, Massey, McKissick, Minus, Muller, Neel, B. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Skipper, Smalls and Stephenson.—53.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. D. W. Anderson, Austin, Beaty, Blue, Brown, Chase, Clarkson, Clements, Cooke, Dargan, Donaldson, Earle, Edens, Ficken, Fred-

erick, Hamer, Haskell, R. R. Hemphill, C. J. C. Hutson, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Manigault, Mattison, Miles, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, J. Simons, Simonton, Sojourner, Trantham, Walker, Wiggins and Wilson.—39.

So the House agreed to the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. JOHNSTONE moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Joint Resolution was ordered to be laid on the table and to lay that motion on the table, which was agreed to.

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Joint Resolution to regulate the collection of the taxes voted to the Savannah Valley Railroad Company in certain towns and townships in Anderson and Abbeville Counties was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State'" and to prohibit the hiring out of convicts for agricultural purposes.

Mr. D. W. ANDERSON moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 35; nays, 46.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Barber, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Brice, Carlisle, Chase, Clowney, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Edens, Fulmore, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, Humbert, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Manigault, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, E. D. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, Skipper and Trantham.—35.

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Beard, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Child, Clements, Dargan, Donaldson, Eason, Eckhard, Fox, Frederick, Gantt, Gonzalez, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, W. Henderson, Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Moore, Massey, Miles, Minus, Muller, Murray, Neel, Richards, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Smalls, Stephenson, Walker and Wilson.—46.

So the House refused to agree to the motion and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to provide for drainage in the Counties of Horry, Spartanburg and Anderson;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to make certain changes in the voting precincts of the Counties therein named," approved December 24, 1879, so far as the same relates to Edgefield County.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading:

A Bill to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to Lower Township, Richland County, without an election, and to a certain portion of Fairfield County;

A Bill to incorporate the Prudential Life Insurance Company, of Charleston, South Carolina;

A Bill to regulate the admission of patients into the State Lunatic Asylum;

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Alexander Robertson, for his children, a certain certificate of State stock, the original of which has been lost or destroyed;

A Bill to change the name of Fannie Chappel to Fannie Pitts and to permit her to inherit from David Pitts and Rebecca Pitts, or either of them, if they or either of them die intestate, and to change the name of James Sullivan, of Horry County.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported, reporting the following Bills as properly enrolled and ready for ratification:

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds and stock," approved December 23, 1879;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina," approved December 23, 1879;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties and to establish in their stead the office of Master;'"

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Union County to apply to the ordinary expenses of the said County for the fiscal year 1878 the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the special tax levied to defray the expenses of erecting and maintaining fences in the limits of said County;

An Act to incorporate the Artisans' and Traders' Building and Loan Association, of Charleston, S. C.

A Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to authorize the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein" was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to incorporate the Manning and Wright's Bluff Tram Road Company was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on Message No. 3 of the Governor.

The report was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize and direct the State Treasurer to reissue to E. M. Brayton a Treasurer's due bill lost or destroyed and to fund the same into deficiency bonds was taken up for consideration and read the second time and amended so far as to read: "A Joint Resolution (favorable) to authorize and direct the State Treasurer to reissue to E. M. Brayton a Treasurer's due bill lost or destroyed and to fund the same into deficiency bonds, and to reissue to C. H. Miot a Treasurer's due bill for \$109.08 and one for \$10.14, and authorize him to fund the same," and the Bill was ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill (favorable) to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Easley Station, in Pickens County, on the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway, or within two miles of the corporate limits thereof was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, of Union, was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill (favorable) to incorporate the Blackstock and Rocky Mount Narrow Gauge Railroad Company was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Bill to extend the provisions of the fence law to part of township No. 8, in Fairfield County, was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Bill (S. B.) to protect the citizens of the townships of Beaufort, Ladies' Island, St. Helena and Hilton Head, of Beaufort County, against damage from live stock was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to authorize T. C. Whitworth to close a certain abandoned road in Richland County was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill (S. B.) to incorporate Saint Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C., was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Joint Resolution (S. J. R.) to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, the sum of four hundred dollars for extra labor in making the assessment of property in Edgefield County for the fiscal year 1879 was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill (S. B.) to amend the charter of the town of Port Royal was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

A Bill to incorporate the Lewisville Manufacturing Company was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading:

A Bill to establish and charter Jacksonboro Ferry, on Edisto River, in Colleton County;

A Bill to change the name of Lynch's Creek to Lynch's River.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on Conference, made the following report, which was agreed to and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly:

The Committee of Conference upon the difference between the two houses upon a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same" respectfully recommend that the House concur in the Senate amendments; but as this necessitates a change of title they further recommend that the title of the Bill be changed so as to read "A Bill to authorize the city of Columbia to fund its debt."

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. HASKELL,
CHARLES H. SIMONTON,
GEORGE JOHNSTONE,

Committee of the House.

JOHN H. KINSLER,
RUDOLPH SIEGLING,

Committee of the Senate.

Mr. SIMONTON moved that when this House adjourns it be adjourn to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

On motion of Mr. ECKHARD, the House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1880.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion, the call by Counties was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. BUIST, leave of absence was granted to Messrs. William Henderson and James Simons for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Murray for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. BEASLEY, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Clements for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. SKIPPER, leave of absence was granted to Mr. E. D. Richardson for the remainder of the session.

Mr. MULLER, from the Committee on Contingent Accounts, made a report on the claim of A. S. Todd.

The report was agreed to.

Mr. SIMONTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby the report of the Committee was agreed to, and the claim was recommitted to the Committee.

Also, made a report on

Account of Abbeville Medium.

The report was considered immediately and agreed to.

Mr. MASSEY, from the Committee on Public Printing, made a favorable report on

Claim of Calvo & Patton, which was considered immediately and agreed to.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on

A Bill to repeal Section 34, Chapter CXI, of the General Statutes.

The report was agreed to and the Bill was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of W. M. Thomas for balance of salary due to him as Circuit Judge, respectfully report:

This is properly a claim to be passed upon by the Committee on Claims; but as that Committee seems to have been embarrassed by a question of law the matter has been considered by this Committee.

W. M. Thomas was elected Judge of the Sixth Circuit on 26th August, 1868. His commission was issued to him on 30th September, 1868, for a term of four years. He has been paid up to 26th August, 1872, and now claims his salary from 26th August, 1872, to 30th September, 1872.

It appears upon examining the books of the Comptroller General that Hon. T. J. Mackey, who was elected the successor of Judge Thomas on 18th January, 1872, has drawn his salary from 26th August, 1872.

We thus see that W. M. Thomas was elected Circuit Judge on 26th August, 1868, and took out his commission on 30th September, 1868. The term was for four years. When did the term commence? On the day of his election or on the day he obtained his commission?

This question depends upon the further question: Upon what rests the title of the Circuit Judge? Does it rest upon his election or does it rest upon his commission? In the opinion of the Committee his title is derived entirely from his election, and his right to his office depends entirely upon his election. The commission is the evidence of his election—nothing more. The term begins when he is elected. After his election he must qualify; and if he prefers to postpone the day of qualification he suffers by it in not being able to draw his salary for that portion of his term which he suffers to pass without qualifying. But he does not extend his term by delaying his qualification or deprive the Legislature of the right of electing his successor to be installed at the end of the term for which he was elected. Judge Thomas having been elected with the other Circuit Judges on 26th August, 1868, the first election under the present Constitution, and his successor having qualified on 26th August, 1872, and Judge Thomas having been paid up to 26th August, 1872, he has no further claim on the State for salary.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. SIMONTON,

Chairman.

Mr. SIMONTON presented the claim of special election in Abbeville County, which was referred to the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 17, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference to adjust the differences of the two houses on Bill from your honorable body to amend an

Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same."

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER amended the Bill in accordance with the report of the Committee of Conference, and the title was amended so as to read :

A Bill to authorize the city of Columbia to fund the debt, and the title changed to that of an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof for the extra session commencing February 10th, 1880.

The House concurred in several amendments and refused to concur in several others, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879.

The House concurred in all amendments to the Bill made by the Senate, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to charter the Anderson and Easley Railroad Company ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Camperdown Mills, in the State of South Carolina," approved December the 22d, 1875.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to change the name of Lynch's Creek to Lynch's River ;

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State'" and to prohibit the hiring out of convicts for agricultural purposes ;

A Bill to repeal an Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties, approved December 24th, 1878.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

**SPECIAL ORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPIRATION
OF THE MORNING HOUR.**

A Joint Resolution to recommend a vote for or against a Convention was discharged and the same made the Special Order for to-morrow at the same hour.

The following Bills were read the third time and ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments :

A Bill to charter the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock ' and to extend the same to Greenville County and certain townships in Pickens County," approved December 23, 1879, so far as the same relates to Pickens ;

A Bill to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company of South Carolina ;

Joint Resolution to regulate the collection of taxes voted to the Savannah Valley Railroad Company in certain towns and townships in Anderson and Abbeville Counties ;

Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to authorize the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein ;"

Joint Resolution to authorize and direct the State Treasurer to reissue to E. M. Brayton a Treasurer's due bill lost or destroyed and to fund the same into deficiency bonds ;

A Bill to protect the citizens of the townships of Beaufort, Ladies' Island, St. Helena and Hilton Head, of Beaufort County, against damage from live stock ;

A Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, the sum of four hundred dollars for extra labor in making the assessment of property in Edgefield County for the fiscal year 1879 ;

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Port Royal ;

The following Bills were read the third time, titles severally changed to Acts, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification :

Joint Resolution authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to issue to Josephus Woodruff or his attorney deficiency bonds or stock in lieu of certain Big Bonanza warrants turned over to the State through error ;

A Bill to authorize the consolidation of the Augusta, Knoxville and Greenwood Railroad Company of this State and the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad Company of the State of Georgia ;

A Bill to incorporate the Manning and Wright's Bluff Tram Road Company;

A Bill to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, of Union;

A Joint Resolution to authorize T. C. Whitworth to close a certain abandoned road in Richland County;

A Bill to incorporate Saint Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C.;

A Bill to incorporate the Lewisville Manufacturing Company.

A Bill to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Easley Station, in Pickens County, on the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway, or within two miles of the corporate limits thereof.

GENERAL ORDERS.

A Bill from the Senate to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties," approved December 24, 1878.

Mr. BARBER moved to strike out the enacting words; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Beaty, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Carlisle, Cassidy, Cherry, Clements, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Dargan, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Eason, Edens, Fulmore, Garrison, Graham, Hamer, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, W. Henderson, Humbert, Keller, Lachicotte, Leaphart, Massey, Mattison, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Morrison, Muller, B. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shaw, Shoemaker, Skipper, Smalls, Sojourner, Stephenson and Wilson.—51.

Those voting in the negative are:

Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Bacon, Blue, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Chase, Cooke, Davies, Eckhard, Elkins, Ficken, Frederick, Gantt, Gonzalez, Hane, Harper, Haskell, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johustone, Kennedy, Manigault, Maree, Miles, T. E. Miller, Murray, Neel, Perry, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Seegers, J. Simons, Simonton, Suber and Wiggins.—43.

So the House agreed to the motion to strike out the enacting words of the Bill.

On motion of Mr. McKISSICK, the House recessed from business at 3 o'clock P. M. until 7:30 this evening.

RECESS.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1st, 1878.

The House refused to concur in the amendments and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg County, with amendments.

The House concurred in the amendments, title changed to that of an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

A Bill to declare public certain roads in Colleton and Horry Counties, with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to that of an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston," approved December 23d, 1879, with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands," approved 23d December, A. D. 1879, with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Bill authorizing the electors of the town of Hamburg to elect an Intendant and Wardens of said town, with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

The Senate to this House

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock' and make the same apply to Spartanburg County and a portion of Oconee County," approved December 23, 1879, which was read the first time and ordered to be placed on the Calendar without reference.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 18, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists upon all of its amendments to Bill (House) to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof for the extra session commencing February 10th, 1880, and respectfully asks that a Committee of Conference be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same, and informs your honorable body that Messrs. Lipscomb and Todd have been appointed as Committee on part of the Senate.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. Buist, Murray and J. B. Cleveland, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to establish and charter Jacksouboro Ferry, on Edisto River, in Colleton County ;

A Bill to provide for a public guardian of the estates of minors, idiots and lunatics, and to define the powers and duties of such guardian and to fix his liabilities ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Blythewood, in the County of Fairfield," approved 24th December, 1879 ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort," approved December 23d, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof.

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

Mr. SIMONTON gave notice that he would to-morrow introduce a Resolution to suspend the fiftieth Rule of this House.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to provide artificial limbs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs or arms during military services in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865 ;"

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein," approved 23d December, 1879;

A Bill to amend the criminal law by declaring it a misdemeanor for any person or persons to entice away the employees of the farmers of this State, they having contracted as such in writing;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Greenwood, South Carolina."

Which were severally read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Senate.

The following Resolution was taken up for consideration :

Whereas it has been learned that one of the departments of the State Government has had, or is about to have, its work requiring printing executed outside of this State;

And whereas it is deemed injurious to the publishing interests of this State that this class of work should be transferred to other sources for execution, while within the State can be found parties competent to consummate the same; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this House that all work requiring printing for the several departments of the State Government, legislative, judicial and executive, be done within the State of South Carolina.

Mr. J. B. CLEVELAND moved to indefinitely postpone the Resolution; and the question being put, "Will the House agree to the Resolution?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 52; nays, 32.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Beasley, Bowen, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Brown, Callison, Carlisle, Cherry, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, W. C. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Dargan, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Earle, Edens, Fox, Frederick, Fulmore, Graham, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, R. R. Hemphill, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Johnstone, Keller, Lachicotte, Manigault, Massey, McKissick, J. A. Miller, Muller, Neel, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Seegers, Shaw, Shoemaker, Suber, Wiggins and Wilson.—52.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Blue, Britton, Buist, Cassidy, Cooke, Deal, Davis, Eason, Eckhard, Gantt, Garrison, Gonzalez, Hamer, C. G. Henderson, Leaphart, Maree, Mattison, Miles, T. E. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Murray, Perry, Redfearn, Rutledge, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls and Sojourner.—32.

So the House agreed to the motion to indefinitely postpone the Resolution.

Concurrent Resolution instructing the Attorney General to take proceedings to protect the interest of the State in relation to the liability of the State on bonds of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company.

The House agreed to the unfavorable report of the Committee, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

A Bill (from the Senate) to prohibit the carrying of concealed deadly weapons.

Mr. GRAHAM moved to strike out the enacting words of the Bill; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 36; nays, 44.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Allen, Barber, Beasley, Blue, Bowman, Bradley, Brice, Callison, Carlisle, Childs, Clarkson, Clowney, Dargan, Eason, Eckhard, Frederick, Fulmore, Gonzalez, Graham, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, C. J. C. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Manigault, McKisick, Miles, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Skipper, Walker and Westberry.—36

Those voting in the negative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Beaty, Bowen, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Cassidy, Cherry, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Edens, Ficken, Fox, Gantt, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, Humbert, Keller, Massey, Mattison, J. A. Miller, Minus, Morrison, Muller, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Seegers, Smalls, Sojourner, Suber and Wilson.—44.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

Mr. MILES offered the following amendment: On the seventh line, after the word "premises," insert "or for the protection of his own person, family or property."

Mr. DONALDSON moved to lay the amendment on the table; and the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?" it passed in the negative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 40; nays, 44.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Beaty, Bowen, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Cherry, Cooke, Davant, Deal, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Edens, Fox, Gantt, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Harper, Keller, Leaphart, Massey, Mattison, J. A. Miller, T. E.

Miller, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Neel, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, Sojourner, Westberry and Wilson.—40.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, Bacon, Barber, Beasley, Blue, Bradley, Brice, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Child, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Cummings, Dargan, Eason, Eckhard, Ficken, Frederick, Gonzalez, Graham, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Manigault, Maree, McKissick, Miles, E. D. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Suber, Walker and Wiggins.—44.

So the House refused to agree to the motion.

Mr. GONZALEZ moved that the Bill be indefinitely postponed ; and the question being put, " Will the House agree thereto ? " it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows :

Yeas, 45 ; nays, 39.

Those voting in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Allen, Bacon, Barber, Beasley, Blue, Bradley, Brice, Callison, Carlisle, Cassidy, Child, Clarkson, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Dargan, Eason, Eckhard, Frederick, Fulmore, Gonzalez, Graham, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, Johnstone, Lachicotte, Manigault, Maree, McKissick, Miles, Neel, E. D. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, Shoemaker, B. Simmons, Simonton, Skipper, Smalls, Walker, Westberry and Wiggins.—45.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Austin, Beard, Beaty, Bowen, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Cherry, Cooke, Cummings, Davant, Deal, Dewberry, Donaldson, Dorroh, Edens, Ficken, Fox, Gantt, Garrison, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Keller, Massey, Mattison, J. A. Miller, T. E. Miller, Morrison, Muller, Murray, Redfearn, B. H. Rice, W. B. Rice, Richards, Sojourner, Suber and Wilson.—39.

So the House agreed to the motion, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be, and he is hereby, instructed to cause the gas fixtures of the House to be examined by some competent person in order to ascertain the cause of the leakage which apparently exists of the gas, and to remedy this defect.

Mr. SIMONTON moved that when this House adjourns it be adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

On motion of Mr. McKISSICK, the House adjourned at 10:30 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1880.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair..

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion, the call by Counties was dispensed with.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

Concurrent Resolution authorizing the State Orphan Asylum to deliver certain personal property and real estate to the State of South Carolina.

The amendment was concurred in and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The Senate sent to this House

A Bill to amend Section 30, Chapter XVI, Title V, of the Revised Statutes, which was read the first time and rejected, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has concurred in the amendments of your honorable body to the following Bills and Joint Resolutions, that the titles have been changed to Acts and the Acts ordered to be enrolled for ratification :

Bill to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company, of South Carolina;

Bill to amend the charter of the town of Port Royal;

Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock' and to extend the same to Greenville County and certain townships in Pickens County," approved December 23d, 1879, so far as it relates to Pickens County;

Bill to charter the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company;

Bill to protect the citizens of the townships of Beaufort, Ladies' Island, St. Helena and Hilton Head, of Beaufort County, against damage from live stock;

Joint Resolution to authorize and direct the State Treasurer to reissue to E. M. Brayton a Treasurer's due bill lost or destroyed, and to fund the same into deficiency bonds ;

Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution to authorize the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein ;"

Joint Resolution to regulate the collection of the taxes voted to the Savannah Valley Railroad Company in certain towns and townships in Anderson and Abbeville Counties.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 18, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists upon its amendments to Bill (House) to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879, and respectfully asks that a Committee of Conference be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same ; and respectfully informs your honorable body that the Committee on the part of the Senate will consist of Messrs. Coker and Daggett.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as the Committee on the part of the House : Messrs. Haskell, Ficken and E. D. Richardson ; and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it refuses to concur in any and all amendments of your honorable body to Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, the sum of four hundred dollars for extra labor in making the assessments of property in Edgefield County for the fiscal year 1879.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1880.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. Johnstone, Callison and Shaw; and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate asking the appointment of a similar Committee on the part of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 18, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists on its amendments to Bill (House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1st, 1878, and respectfully asks that a Committee of Conference be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same, and respectfully informs your honorable body that the Committee on the part of the Senate will consist of Messrs. Gary and Cannon.

Very respectfully, &c.,

T. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. J. J. Hemphill, Johnstone and Neel; and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 18, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has indefinitely postponed Concurrent Resolution (House) to remove all law books from the State Library to the library of the Supreme Court.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 18, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference to adjust differences between the two houses on Bill (House) to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the

General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof for the extra session commencing February 10th, 1880.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Mr. BUIST, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report:

The Committee of Conference upon the differences between the two houses upon a Bill to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof, and other officers and matters there named for the extra session commencing February 10th, 1880, respectfully recommend that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the incidental or contingent expenses of the Senate, and also in the extra clerical services in Secretary of State's office.

They further recommend the following be adopted in lieu of Section 6 of the Bill:

"That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to defray the salary of the Railroad Commissioner for the year 1880, and also for the contingent expenses of said Railroad Commissioner: *Provided*, That the same shall be replaced in the State Treasury as soon as collected from the various railroads of this State under the Act to create a Railroad Commissioner and to define his duties.

Respectfully submitted.

J. N. LIPSCOMB,
R. P. TODD,
On part of Senate.
G. L. BUIST,
J. B. CLEVELAND,
E. B. MURRAY,
On part of House.

And the question being put, "Will the House agree to the report?" it passed in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were requested and are as follows:

Yeas, 59; nays, 35.

Those voting in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Aldrich, Austin, Bacon, Beasley, Beaty, Blue, Bowen, Bradley, Britton, Brodie, Brown, Buist, Callison, Cassidy, Chase, Child, W. C. Cleveland, Cooke, Cummings, Donaldson, Earle, Eckhard, Elfe, Fox,

Frederick, Gaillard, Gantt, Gonzalez, Haltiwanger, Hamer, Hane, Harper, Haskell, J. J. Hemphill, C. G. Henderson, Humbert, C. J. C. Hutson, I. M. Hutson, Johnstone, Kennedy, Lachicotte, Manigault, Maree, Mattison, Miles, Minus, Neel, Redfearn, W. B. Rice, J. P. Richardson, Rutledge, Shaw, Simonton, Smalls, Suber, Trantham, Westberry, Wiggins and Wilson.—59.

Those voting in the negative are :

Messrs. Allen, A. F. Anderson, D. W. Anderson, Barber, Beard, Bowman, Brice, Carlisle, Cherry, J. B. Cleveland, Clowney, Davant, Deal, Davis, Dewberry, Dorroh, Eason, Edens, Fulmore, Graham, R. R. Hemphill, Keller, Leaphart, Massey, McKissick, J. A. Miller, J. S. Miller, Muller, B. H. Rice, Richards, E. D. Richardson, Shoemaker, Skipper, Sojourner and Stephenson.—35.

So the House agreed to the report, and the Bill was then amended in conformity with the report of the Committee, title of Bill changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. MULLER, from the Committee on Contingent Accounts, made a favorable report on

Account of J. W. Perrin.

Also,

Claim of A. S. Todd.

The report was considered immediately and agreed to.

Mr. ELKINS asked that the following be spread upon the Journal :

“Had I been present when the vote was taken on the Resolution relative to printing required for the several departments of the State government, I would have voted against the indefinite postponement of the Resolution.

JOHN A. ELKINS.”

Mr. E. D. RICHARDSON moved to reconsider the vote whereby a Bill (S. B.) to prohibit the carrying of concealed deadly weapons was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. CALLISON moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was agreed to.

Mr. SIMONTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of William Thomas was agreed to and the petition was recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on

Petition of Hon. William Thomas and reported a Concurrent Resolution, which was agreed to and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ALDRICH, the House receded from business at 1 o'clock P. M. until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

Resolved, That the fiftieth Rule of this House be suspended for this session.

Mr. BROWN presented the accounts of J. B. Brown, which were referred to the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

SPECIAL ORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE MORNING HOUR.

A Joint Resolution to recommend a vote for or against a Convention was discharged and the same made the Special Order for to-morrow at the same hour.

GENERAL ORDER.

A Bill (S. B.) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock' and make the same apply to Spartanburg County and a portion of Oconee County," approved December 23, 1879, was read the second time and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. MULLER, the House took a recess from 2 o'clock P. M. until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report :

The Committee of Conference upon the difference of the two houses on a Bill to raise supplies and to make appropriations for the fiscal

year commencing November 1, 1879, respectfully report that they have met and discussed the sole point in which the two houses differ, that is to say, the clause of the second Section in these words: "In the County of Horry, one mill for building and repairing bridges: *Provided*, That any surplus arising from said levy be applied to the payment of any other legitimate claims against the County." The Senate had stricken this clause out of the Bill. The Committee recommend that the Senate agree to restore the clause, substituting "one-half of one mill" instead of "one mill."

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. HASKELL,
JOHN F. FICKEN,
E. D. RICHARDSON,
Committee on the part of the House.
W. C. COKER,
THOMAS W. DAGGETT,
Committee on part of the Senate.

The report was agreed to and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report:

The Committee of Conference, to whom was referred the difference between the two houses on a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1, 1878, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that the Bill do pass with the following amendments, to wit: Add to the amendment proposed by the Senate the following:

"Provided, further, That said companies do file for acceptance and enter into contracts on the terms upon which they originally received or had granted to them said convicts within sixty days from the date of the approval of this Act, and do within the same time enter into bond as required by law; and that said convicts shall be under the control of a guard or officer appointed by the Superintendent or the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary, for the purpose of overlooking the management and treatment of said convicts, if said Superintendent or Board of Directors so desire: *And provided, further*, That if said companies retain the convicts they now have until the said contracts and bonds above provided for are entered into and filed, they shall be understood to hold

them under the terms and conditions of their original contracts and bonds."

Respectfully submitted.

M. W. GARY,
G. CANNON,

On part of Senate.

JNO. J. HEMPHILL,
GEORGE JOHNSTONE,
J. D. NEEL,

On the part of the House.

Which was agreed to, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported as properly engrossed and ready for ratification:

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Sea Island Steamboat Company," approved March 10, 1876;

An Act to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes;

An Act to authorize the city of Columbia to fund its debt;

An Act to amend an Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston, approved December 23, 1879;

Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay to Wm. H. Dorrill, County Auditor, certain claims paid by him for assessing property in said County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands," approved December 23, 1879;

An Act to authorize the electors of the town of Hamburg to elect an Intendant and Wardens and prescribe the corporate limits of said town;

An Act for the relief of certain taxpayers of Williamsburg County;

An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of any County to permit any person or body corporate to construct, maintain and operate a telephone line or lines along any public highway in their respective Counties;

An Act to incorporate the town of Peak's Station, in Lexington County.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wilson for the remainder of the session, on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. DEAL, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Garrison for the remainder of the session.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully invites your honorable body to attend in the Senate chamber this day, at 8:30 P. M., to assist in the ratification of Acts.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

And a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accepting the invitation to ratify Acts.

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference on Bill from your honorable body to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the Bill was amended in conformity with the report of the Conference Committee, title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

The Senate sent to this House

A Bill to repeal part of Section 1 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Horry County to open and establish certain public roads and to discontinue a certain public road in said County," approved March 20, 1876, which was read the first time and rejected, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the protection and preservation of useful animals," approved March 12, 1872:

The House refused to concur in all the amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax in School District No. 1, of Kershaw County, for the purpose of maintaining one or more graded public schools in said district, with amendments.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Also,

A Joint Resolution to pay Hon. Thompson H. Cooke the balance of his salary as Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, due prior to the first day of November, A. D. 1876, upon presentation of the Comptroller General's warrant, with amendments.

The House refused to concur in all the amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the cost of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers herein mentioned," approved March 22, 1878, with amendments.

The House concurred in all of the amendments, and the title was changed to that of an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill granting certain privileges to persons renting stalls in the public markets of the city of Charleston, with amendments.

The House concurred in all the amendments, the title was changed to that of an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill further to amend the law in reference to the drawing, empanelling and term of service of juries, with amendments.

The House refused to concur in all of the amendments, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved 9th June, A. D. 1877, so far as the same relates to the Circuit Courts for the County of Edgefield and the Circuit Courts for the Eighth Circuit, with amendments.

The House concurred in all of the amendments, the title was changed to that of an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and make the same apply to a portion of Lexington County, with amendments.

The House concurred in all of the amendments, the title was changed to that of an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it agrees to the appointment of a Committee of Conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, the sum of four hundred dollars for extra labor in making the assessments of property in Edgefield County for the fiscal year 1879, and that Messrs. Gary and Croft are the Committee on the part of the Senate to act with a similar Committee from your honorable body.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as properly engrossed and ready for a third reading :

A Bill to incorporate the Blackstock and Rocky Mount Narrow Gauge Railroad Company, which was ordered to be laid on the table.

At 8:30 o'clock the House attended in the Senate Chamber, when the following Acts were ratified :

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decisions of the Supreme Court of South Carolina," approved December 23d, 1879;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds and stocks," approved December 23d, 1879;

An Act to incorporate the town of Peake's Station, in Lexington County ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands," approved 23d December, 1879;

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Union County to apply to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the said County for the fiscal year of 1878 the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the special tax levied to defray the expenses of erecting and maintaining fences on the limits of said County ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned' so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties and to establish in their stead the office of Master;"

An Act to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company;

An Act to incorporate Saint Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C.;

An Act to incorporate the Leesville Manufacturing Company;

An Act to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, of Union;

An Act for the relief of certain taxpayers of Williamsburg County;

An Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston, approved December 23d, 1879;

An Act to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Easley Station, in Pickens County, on the Atlanta Air Line Railroad, or within two miles of the corporate limits thereof;

An Act to incorporate the Manning and Wright's Bluff Tram Road Company;

Joint Resolution authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to issue to Josephus Woodruff or his attorney deficiency bonds and stock in lieu of certain big bonanza warrants turned over to the State through error;

Joint Resolution to authorize T. C. Whitworth to close a certain abandoned road in Richland County;

An Act to authorize the consolidation of the Augusta, Knoxville and Greenwood Railroad Company of this State and the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad Company of the State of Georgia;

An Act to authorize the city of Columbia to fund its debt;

An Act to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Sea Island Steamboat Company," approved 10th March, 1876;

An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of any County to permit any person or body corporate to construct, maintain and operate a telephone line or lines along any public highway in their respective Counties;

Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay to Wm. H. Dorrill, County Auditor, certain claims paid by him for the assessing of property within said County;

An Act authorizing the electors of the town of Hamburg to elect an Intendant and Wardens and to prescribe the corporate limits of said town;

An Act to incorporate the Artisans' and Traders' Building and Loan Association, of Charleston, South Carolina ;

An Act to declare public certain roads in Colleton, Horry, Abbeville, Anderson and Newberry Counties.

The Senate returned to this House with concurrence

Concurrent Resolution as to the celebration of the centennial of King's Mountain.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists on its amendments to Bill from your honorable body to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the protection and preservation of useful animals," approved March 12, 1872, and respectfully asks that a Committee of Conference be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same, and respectfully informs your honorable body that the Committee on the part of the Senate will consist of Messrs. Moore and Croft.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as the Committee on the part of the House, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate notifying that body of the same : Messrs. Manigault, Haskell and Muller.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on Bill from your honorable body to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1, 1878.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER amended the Bill in conformity with the report of the Conference Committee, the title was changed to that of an

Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has laid on the table Bill from your honorable body to authorize the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Columbia to issue bonds and scrip to fund the city debt which shall be outstanding on the first day of July, A. D. 1880.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists on its amendments to a Joint Resolution to pay Hon. Thompson H. Cooke the balance of his salary as Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit due prior to the first day of November, A. D. 1876, upon presentation of the State Comptroller General's warrant, and respectfully asks that a Committee of Conference be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same, and respectfully informs your honorable body that the Committee on the part of the Senate will consist of Messrs. Witherspoon and McQueen.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen a Committee on the part of the House, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly: Messrs. Haskell, Gaillard and J. B. Cleveland.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Bill from your honorable body to regulate the admission of patients into the State Lunatic Asylum.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1880.

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists on its amendments to Bill from your honorable body further to amend the law in reference to the drawing, empanelling and term of service of juries, and respectfully asks a Committee of Conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same, and respectfully informs your honorable body that the Committee on the part of the Senate consists of Messrs. Witherspoon and Croft.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen a Committee on the part of the House, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly: Messrs. Simonton, Blue and Earle.

Mr. SIMONTON moved that when this House adjourns it stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the House adjourned at 9:45 o'clock P. M. to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1880.

At the hour to which the House was adjourned the Clerk called the roll.

The SPEAKER took the chair.

A quorum being present, the House proceeded to business.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion, the call by Counties was dispensed with.

THIRD READING.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock' and

make the same apply to Spartanburg County and a portion of Oconee County," approved December 23d, 1879, was read the third time, title changed to an Act, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Mr. MULLER, from the Committee on Contingent Accounts, made a favorable report on claim of John D. Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms, which was considered immediately and agreed to.

The Senate sent to this House

Concurrent Resolution requesting the Attorney General to begin suit against all railroad companies in this State that have failed to pay their assessments for the salary and expenses of the Railroad Commissioner, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BLUE, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly :

The Committee of Conference upon the matters of difference between the two houses upon a Bill further to amend the law in relation to the drawing, empanelling and term of service of juries, respectfully report that they have considered the same and

1. Recommend that the House concur in the amendment proposed by the Senate by striking out the third Section.

2. That after inserting in the first line of the fourth Section (formerly fifth Section) after the word "that" the words "from and after the first day of June next," that the House concur in the amendment proposed by the Senate to insert the words "Williamsburg and Hampton," after "Aiken," in the third line of the same Section.

3. That the House concur in the amendment proposed by the Senate to incorporate the sixth Section in the fifth.

4. That the Senate recede from the amendment at the end of this Section by adding the proviso * * *, and that that proviso be stricken out.

5. That the House concur in the amendment proposed by the Senate by adding Section 5 * *, the same, however, being amended by adding after the words "at any time," in the first line of this Section, the words "after the passage of this Act."

6. And that the Senate recede from the amendment proposed by adding Section 6, [0000,] and that that Section be stricken out.

And that, thus settled, the Bill do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. BLUE,
CHARLES H. SIMONTON,
JOSEPH H. EARLE,

Committee on part of the House.

I. D. WITHERSPOON,
G. W. CROFT,

Committee on part of the Senate.

Mr. MANIGAULT, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report, which was considered immediately and agreed to and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly :

The Committee of Conference to whom was referred a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the protection and preservation of useful animals," approved 12th March, 1872, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that the amendment of the Senate be itself amended by striking out the word "August," in the fifteenth line of the same, and the word "September" be inserted in lieu thereof, and the amendment so amended be adopted.

A. M. MANIGAULT,
JOHN C. HASKELL,
GERHARD MULLER,
Committee of the House.
JAMES W. MOORE,
G. W. CROFT,
Committee of the Senate.

Mr. SIMONTON introduced the following Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence :

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of State be, and is hereby, authorized to employ such additional clerical assistance as he may deem necessary to complete the enrollment of the Acts of this session of the General Assembly.

The following messages were received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has rejected Bill from your honorable body to regulate the pay of Trial Justice Constables receiving no salary as provided for by law when paid by the County.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has laid on the table Bill from your honorable body to incorporate Saint Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C.; also,

Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Saluda Manufacturing Company, of Lexington County."

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on Bill from your honorable body further to amend the law in relation to the drawing, empanelling and term of service of juries.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the title of the Bill was changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report, which was considered immediately and agreed to, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly :

The Committee of Conference on the difference between the two houses on a Joint Resolution to pay Hon. Thompson H. Cooke, Hon. A. J. Shaw and Hon. J. P. Reed the salaries due them as Judges of this State prior to the first day of November, 1876, upon presentation of State Comptroller General's warrant, beg leave respectfully to report that they have duly considered the same, and that they fail to agree, and ask to be discharged.

JOHN C. HASKELL,
JOHN B. CLEVELAND,
On part of the House.
I. D. WITHERSPOON,
A. McQUEEN,
On part of the Senate.

The Senate sent to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to make certain changes in the voting precincts of the Counties therein named," approved 24th December, 1879, so far as the same relates to Edgefield; and the House

concurrent in the amendments, and the title was changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it insists on its amendments to Bill from your honorable body "to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to establish uniformity in the Circuit Courts,' approved 9th January, A. D. 1877, so far as relates to the Circuit Courts for the County of Edgefield, and the Circuit Courts for the Eighth Circuit," and respectfully requests that a Committee of Conference be appointed to adjust the differences between the two houses on the same, and respectfully informs your honorable body that Messrs. Gary and Croft are the Committee on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen the Committee on the part of the House: Messrs. Bacon, Shaw and Callison, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully invites your honorable body to attend in the Senate Chamber to-day at 11 A. M. for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

A message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accepting the invitation.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has indefinitely postponed Concurrent Resolution from your honorable body

instructing the State Treasurer to issue to Judge W. M. Thomas deficiency bonds or stock in the sum of one hundred and thirty-four 27-100 dollars, being the one-half of the salary as Circuit Judge remaining unpaid to him.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has laid on the table the following Bills from your honorable body :

Bill (House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Greenwood, South Carolina ;"

Bill (House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Blythewood, in the County of Fairfield," approved 24th December, 1879 ;

Bill (House) to amend an Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties, approved December 24th, 1878 ;

Bill (House) to amend the criminal law by declaring it a misdemeanor for any person or persons to entice away the employees of the farmers of this State, they having contracted as such in writing ;

Bill (House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield, and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein," approved 23d December, 1879.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Mr. JOHNSTONE, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report, which was considered immediately and agreed to :

The Committee of Conference to whom was referred the differences of the two houses on a Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, the sum of four hundred dollars for extra labor in making the assessments of property in Edgefield County for the fiscal year 1879 respectfully report that they have carefully considered the

same and recommend that the House of Representatives do recede from its amendment to said Resolution.

GEORGE JOHNSTONE,
JAMES CALLISON,
H. A. SHAW,

On the part of the House.

M. W. GARY,
G. W. CROFT,

On the part of the Senate.

The following messages were received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on Joint Resolution to pay Bennett Perry, Auditor of Edgefield County, the sum of four hundred dollars for extra labor in making the assessments of property in Edgefield County for the fiscal year 1879, and, a message having been received from your honorable body that it also has agreed to the same, the Joint Resolution has been ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Also,

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on Bill from your honorable body to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the protection and preservation of useful animals," approved 12th March, 1872.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Bill was amended in conformity with the report of the Committee of Conference, the title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to employ additional clerical services.

Mr. HASKELL introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence :

Whereas the enrolling of Bills passed by the General Assembly cannot be completed in time without the employment of additional clerical force ; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay the sum of one hundred dollars, if so much be necessary, out of any contingent funds in his hands, for extra clerks in the enrolling department, upon the certificate of the Secretary of State.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the claim of R. L. Bryan for stationery, which was referred to the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

The following message was received from the Senate :

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference on a Joint Resolution from your honorable body "to pay Hon. Thompson H. Cooke the salary due him as Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit prior to the 1st day of November, 1876, upon presentation of the State Comptroller General's warrant," asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and respectfully asks that a Committee of Free Conference be appointed, and have appointed Messrs. Crayton and Kinsler, on the part of the Senate, on said Committee of Free Conference.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon the SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as the Committee on the part of the House, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly : Messrs. Austin, Aldrich and Carlisle.

Mr. MULLER, from the Committee on Contingent Accounts, made a favorable report on the accounts of R. L. Bryan, which was considered immediately and agreed to.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

Claim of Calvo & Patton.

Also,

Concurrent Resolution in reference to Enrolling Clerks in Secretary of State's office.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and the Concurrent Resolution was ordered to be returned to the Senate with amendments:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Resolution from the Senate instructing the Attorney General to commence suits against all the railroads in this State which have not paid their assessments made by the Comptroller General for the salary and expenses of the office of Railroad Commissioner, respectfully report:

That under the provisions of the 12th Section of an Act to create a Railroad Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and to define his duties, approved 24th December, 1878, it is ordered that in case of the failure of the railroad company to pay the assessment the same shall be recovered by suit in the Court of Common Pleas for Richland County, in the name of the Comptroller General, for the benefit of the Railroad Commissioner. By the Act passed at this session to make appropriations, &c., the moneys received in such suits will belong to the Treasury. Under these circumstances, it is proper that the Attorney General represent the interest of the State in the suits. The Committee recommend that the Resolution be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. SIMONTON,
Chairman.

The Senate returned to this House, with amendments,

A Bill to open certain public roads in Edgefield and Anderson Counties.

The amendments were concurred in, the title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to change the name of Fannie Chappell to Fannie Pitts and to permit her to inherit from David Pitts and Rebecca Pitts, or either of them, if they die intestate, and to change the name of James Sultan, of Horry County.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to lower township, Richland County, without an election, and to a certain portion of Fairfield County.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to charter the Anderson and Easley Railroad Company.

The House concurred in the amendments, the title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Also,

A Bill to require the attendance of the Solicitors of this State upon the sessions of the General Assembly and to define their duties.

The amendments were concurred in, title changed to an Act and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference to adjust the differences between the two houses on Bill from your honorable body to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved 9th January, A. D. 1877, so far as relates to the Circuit Courts for the County of Edgefield and the Circuit Courts for the Eighth Circuit.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BACON, the vote whereby a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved 9th June, 1877, so far as relates to the Circuit Courts for the County of Edgefield and the Circuit Courts for the Eighth Circuit, was ordered to be enrolled for ratification was rescinded and referred to a Committee of Conference, who reported as follows:

The Committee of Conference to whom was referred the differences of the two houses on a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish

uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved 9th June, A. D. 1877, so far as relates to the Circuit Courts for the County of Edgefield and the Circuit Courts for the Eighth Circuit, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that they have agreed upon the third Monday in June for Edgefield County as a substitute for the amendment of the Senate to said Bill.

M. W. GARY,

G. W. CROFT,

On part of Senate.

JOHN E. BACON,

JAMES CALLISON,

H. A. SHAW,

On part of House.

Which was agreed to, the Bill amended in conformity thereto and ordered to be enrolled for ratification, and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accordingly.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as properly enrolled and ready for ratification :

Joint Resolution for the relief of William Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court of Aiken County, South Carolina ;

Joint Resolution to authorize L. M. Westberry, of Colleton County, to change the road leading from Walterboro to George's Station around his settlement ;

An Act to grant certain privileges to the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina ;

An Act to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges," so far as the same relates to the County of Newberry ;

An Act to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg and Clarendon Counties to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg and Clarendon Counties ;

An Act to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax in School District No. 1 for Kershaw County, for the purpose of maintaining one or more graded schools in said district ;

An Act to conform all special Acts of incorporation to the provisions of the Constitution of the State respecting the liabilities of stockholders therein ;

An Act to provide for the payment of the indebtedness of the school districts of the County of Orangeburg ;

An Act to provide for funding the debt of Charleston County for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1876;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to extend a road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County," approved December 12, 1879;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to the Carolina National Bank, of Columbia, S. C., a certain draft or check drawn by the State Treasurer, which has been either lost or destroyed;

An Act granting certain privileges to persons renting stalls in the public markets in the city of Charleston;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1, 1878;

An Act to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad;

An Act to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company, of Charleston, to reduce its capital stock to two (2) hundred thousand dollars;

An Act to charter a public road in Horry County, from a point known as Saint John's Chapel, on the Conwayboro and Pireway Road, to a point known as Livingston's plantation, on the Conwayboro and Little River Road;

An Act to change the name of Lynch's Creek to Lynch's River;

An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Clinton, in Laurens County, in South Carolina;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds and stocks," approved December 24, 1879;

An Act to incorporate the town of Cowpens, in Spartanburg County;

An Act to amend the charter of the town of Aiken;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter;"

An Act to charter the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company;

An Act to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof for the extra session commencing February 10, 1880, and other officers and matters therein named;

An Act to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879;

An Act to incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

The House attended in the Senate Chamber, when sundry Acts originating in the Senate (see Senate Journal) and the following originating in the House were ratified :

Joint Resolution for the relief of William Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court of Aiken County, South Carolina ;

Joint Resolution to authorize L. M. Westberry, of Colleton County, to change the road leading from Walterboro to George's Station around his settlement ;

An Act to grant certain privileges to the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina ;

An Act to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges," so far as the same relates to the County of Newberry ;

An Act to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg and Clarendon Counties to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg and Clarendon Counties ;

An Act to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax in School District No. 1 for Kershaw County, for the purpose of maintaining one or more graded schools in said district ;

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An Act granting certain privileges to persons renting stalls in the public markets in the city of Charleston ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 1, 1878 ;

An Act to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad ;

An Act to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company, of Charleston, to reduce its capital stock to two (2) hundred thousand dollars ;

An Act to charter a public road in Horry County, from a point known as Saint John's Chapel, on the Conwayboro and Pireway road, to a point known as Livingston's plantation, on the Conwayboro and Little River road;

An Act to change the name of Lynch's Creek to Lynch's River;

An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Clinton, in Laurens County, in South Carolina;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds and stocks," approved December 24, 1879;

An Act to incorporate the town of Cowpens, in Spartanburg County;

An Act to amend the charter of the town of Aiken;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter;"

An Act to charter the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company;

An Act to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof for the extra session commencing February 10, 1880, and other officers and matters therein named;

An Act to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1879;

An Act to incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

On motion of Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, the House recessed from business at 1:30 o'clock P. M. until 5 o'clock this evening.

RECESS.

The SPEAKER resumed the chair at 5 o'clock P. M.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report:

The Committee of Free Conference on the differences between the two houses on a Joint Resolution to pay Hon. Thompson H. Cooke, Hon. A. J. Shaw and Hon. J. P. Reed the salaries due them as Judges of this State prior to the first day of November, 1876, upon presentation of State Comptroller General's warrant, beg leave to report that they have

duly considered the same and that they fail to agree, and ask to be discharged.

B. F. CRAYTON,
JOHN H. KINSLER,
On part of Senate.
J. T. AUSTIN,
JAMES ALDRICH,
J. W. CARLISLE,
On part of House.

Which was considered immediately and agreed to.

The following Message was received from the Governor :

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, No. 5.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, February 20, 1880.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly :

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved the following Acts and Joint Resolutions :

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Union County to apply to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the said County for the fiscal year 1878 the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the special tax levied to defray the expenses of erecting and maintaining fences on the limits of said County ;

An Act to incorporate the Artisans' and Traders' Building and Loan Association, of Charleston, South Carolina ;

An Act to amend an Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston, approved December 23, 1879 ;

An Act to incorporate the Manning and Wright's Bluff Tram Road Company ;

An Act to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Easley Station, in Pickens County, on the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway, or within two miles of the corporate limits thereof ;

An Act to authorize T. C. Whitworth to close a certain abandoned road in Richland County ;

Joint Resolution authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to issue to Josephus Weodruff or his attorney deficiency bonds and stock in lieu of certain Big Bonanza warrants turned over to the State through error ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds and stocks," approved December 23, 1879 ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina," approved December 23, 1879;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties, and to establish in their stead the office of Master;'"

An Act authorizing the electors of the town of Hamburg to elect an Intendant and Wardens and prescribe the corporate limits of said town;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands," approved December 23d, 1879;

Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay to William H. Dorrill, County Auditor, certain claims paid by him for the assessing of property within said County;

An Act to declare public certain roads in Colleton, Horry, Abbeville, Anderson and Newberry Counties;

An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of any County to permit any person or body corporate to construct, maintain and operate a telephone line or lines along any public highway in their respective Counties;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Sea Island Steamboat Company," approved 10th March, 1876;

An Act to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes;

An Act to authorize the city of Columbia to fund its debt;

An Act to incorporate the town of Peake's Station, in Lexington County;

An Act for the relief of taxpayers of Williamsburg County;

An Act to incorporate St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C.;

An Act to incorporate the Lewisville Manufacturing Company;

An Act to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, of Union;

An Act to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company;

An Act to authorize the consolidation of the Augusta, Knoxville and Greenwood Railroad Company of this State and the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad Company of the State of Georgia.

W. D. SIMPSON,
Governor.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully invites your honorable body to attend in the Senate Chamber to assist in the ratification of Acts.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Whereupon a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate accepting the invitation.

Mr. J. J. HEMPHILL, from the Committee on Enrolled Acts, reported as properly enrolled and ready for ratification:

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage of lands in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort," approved December 23d, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof;

An Act to change the name of James Sultan, of Horry County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the protection and preservation of useful animals;"

Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Lexington County to pay to William Johnson sixty-three dollars and twenty-four cents discount or rebate allowed by the Comptroller General for taxes for the year 1875-76;

An Act to amend an Act to make certain changes in the voting precincts of the Counties herein named, approved 24th December, 1879, so far as the same relates to Edgefield and Lexington Counties;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to R. Swaffield, executor of the last will and testament of H. C. Frank, a certain certificate which has been burnt;

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Board of Examiners for Richland County to audit and approve accounts for necessary printing for the County of Richland through the School Commissioner's office in the scholastic year 1878-79, and all similar accounts that may be presented for payment in subsequent years;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers herein mentioned," approved March 22d, 1878;

An Act further to amend the law in reference to the drawing, empanelling and term of service of juries;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to Alexander H. Robertson for his children a certain certificate of State stock, the original of which has been lost or destroyed;

An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter CXI, Title II, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the qualification of jurors;

An Act to open public roads in the County of Edgefield;

An Act to appoint Commissioners to take charge of the Downer Fund in Aiken County;

An Act to extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to lower township, Richland County, without an election, and to a certain portion of Fairfield County;

An Act to amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the service of notice of appeals in Courts of Trial Justices;

An Act to require the attendance of the Solicitors of this State upon the sessions of the General Assembly and to define their duties;

An Act to establish and charter Jacksonboro Ferry, on Edisto River, in Colleton County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Marion, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and make the same apply to a portion of Lexington County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Camp-erdown Mills, in the State of South Carolina," approved December 22d, 1875;

Joint Resolution to allow Alex. G. Clarkson to erect and maintain a gate across the public road leading from Camden to McCord's Ferry, in Richland County, at a point one and a half miles from Clarkson's Turnout;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved 9th June, 1877, so far as the same relates to the Circuit Courts for the County of Edgefield and the Circuit Courts for the Eighth Circuit;

An Act to relieve E. P. Brown from further expense in keeping up a bridge across Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County, known as Brown's Bridge;

An Act to incorporate the Prudential Life Insurance Company, of Charleston, S. C.;

An Act to charter the Anderson and Easley Railroad Company;

An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville."

The House attended in the Senate Chamber, when sundry Acts originating in the Senate (see Senate Journal) and the following originating in the House were ratified:

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage of lands in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort," approved December 23d, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof;

An Act to change the name of James Sultan, of Horry County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the protection and preservation of useful animals;"

Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the County Treasurer of Lexington County to pay to William Johnson sixty-three dollars and twenty-four cents discount or rebate allowed by the Comptroller General for taxes for the year 1875-76;

An Act to amend an Act to make certain changes in the voting precincts of the Counties herein named, approved 24th December, 1879, so far as the same relates to Edgefield and Lexington Counties;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to R. Swaffield, executor of the last will and testament of H. C. Frank, a certain certificate which has been burnt;

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An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Mayesville."

Mr. MANIGAULT introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That our Senators and Representatives in the United States Congress be requested to use their influence to cause the harbors and rivers of this State to be thoroughly surveyed and appropriations made for their improvement.

Mr. FICKEN introduced the following Concurrent Resolution, which was considered immediately, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence :

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby, instructed to use the entire sum of twenty thousand dollars, if so much be necessary, named in the first Section of the Act entitled "An Act to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members

of the General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof for the extra session commencing February 10, 1880," approved this day, for the purposes for which said sum was appropriated in said Section without regard to the specific sums enumerated in the said Section of the said Act.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, a Committee of three was appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor and announce that the House had completed its business and was ready to adjourn *sine die*. Committee: Messrs. Simonton, J. P. Richardson and Manigault.

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee to wait on His Excellency the Governor, reported that the Committee had discharged that duty, and that His Excellency had no further communication to make to the General Assembly.

The Senate returned to this House, with concurrence,

A Concurrent Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence in obtaining an appropriation for the surveying and improvement of our harbors; also,

To authorize the Treasurer of the State to use the appropriation made in the first Section of an Act entitled "An Act to make appropriation for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly," &c., without regard to the specific sums enumerated in said first Section.

The following message was received from the Senate:

IN THE SENATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20, 1880.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your honorable body that it has appointed Messrs. Croft and Daggett as Committee on part of Senate to wait upon the Governor, in connection with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of your honorable body, and ascertain if he has any further communication to make to the General Assembly before it adjourns *sine die*.

Very respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. JETER,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

The Clerk of the House was directed to proceed to the Senate and inform that honorable body that the House had completed its business and was ready to adjourn *sine die*.

The Clerk of the Senate appeared at the bar of the House and announced that the Senate had completed its business and was ready to adjourn *sine die*.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON, the House adjourned *sine die* at 45 minutes past 6 o'clock.

LIST OF ACTS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Passed at Extra Session of 1880.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the consolidated debt of the State in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina," approved December 23, 1879;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for funding the bills of the Bank of the State in consolidation bonds and stocks," approved December 23, 1879;

An Act to incorporate the town of Peake's Station, in Lexington County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the redemption of forfeited lands," approved December 23d, 1879;

Joint Resolution to authorize the County Commissioners of Union County to apply to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the said County for the fiscal year 1878 the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the special tax levied to defray the expenses of erecting and maintaining fences on the limits of said County;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties, and to establish in their stead the office of Master;'"

An Act to incorporate the Clifton Manufacturing Company;

An Act to incorporate St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, of Charleston, S. C.;

An Act to incorporate the Lewisville Manufacturing Company;

An Act to incorporate the Corinth Baptist Church, of Union;

An Act for the relief of taxpayers of Williamsburg County;

An Act to amend an Act to provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston, approved December 23, 1879;

An Act to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits or liquor in the town of Easley Station, in Pickens County, on the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway, or within two miles of the corporate limits thereof;

An Act to incorporate the Manning and Wright's Bluff Tram Road Company;

Joint Resolution authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to issue to Josephus Woodruff or his attorney deficiency bonds and stock in lieu of certain Big Bonanza warrants turned over to the State through error;

An Act to authorize T. C. Whitworth to close a certain abandoned road in Richland County;

An Act to authorize the consolidation of the Augusta, Knoxville and Greenwood Railroad Company of this State and the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad Company of the State of Georgia;

An Act to authorize the city of Columbia to fund its debt;

An Act to provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Sea Island Steamboat Company," approved 10th March, 1876;

An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of any County to permit any person or body corporate to construct, maintain and operate a telephone line or lines along any public highway in their respective Counties;

Joint Resolution to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Georgetown to pay to William H. Dorrill, County Auditor, certain claims paid by him for the assessing of property within said County;

An Act authorizing the electors of the town of Hamburg to elect an Intendant and Wardens and prescribe the corporate limits of said town;

An Act to incorporate the Artisans' and Traders' Building and Loan Association, of Charleston, South Carolina;

An Act to declare public certain roads in Colleton, Horry, Abbeville, Anderson and Newberry Counties;

An Act to incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to the Carolina National Bank a certain draft or check drawn by the State Treasurer which has been either lost or destroyed;

An Act for the relief of William Green as surety to a bond for the appearance of Jordan Green at the Sessions Court of Aiken County, South Carolina;

An Act to change the name of Lynche's Creek to Lynche's River;

An Act to enable the Enterprise Railroad Company, of Charleston, to reduce its capital stock to two hundred thousand dollars;

An Act to raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879;

An Act granting certain privileges to persons renting stalls in the public markets of the city of Charleston;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the number and salaries of Trial Justices in and for the County of Sumter," approved December 23, 1879;

An Act to charter the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company;

Joint Resolution to authorize and direct the State Treasurer to reissue to E. M. Brayton a Treasurer's due bill lost or destroyed, and to reissue to C. H. Miot a Treasurer's due bill for \$109 08 and one for \$10.14, and authorize him to fund the same;

Joint Resolution to regulate the collection of the taxes voted to the Savannah Valley Railroad Company in certain towns and townships in Anderson and Abbeville Counties;

An Act to incorporate the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company of South Carolina;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to protect the lands and crops of the citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock and to extend the same to Greenville County and certain townships in Pickens County,'" approved December 23, 1879, so far as it relates to Pickens County;

An Act to amend the charter of the town of Port Royal;

Joint Resolution to amend a Joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution to authorize the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay the claims of certain teachers of public schools therein," approved December 23, 1879;

An Act to conform all special Acts of incorporation to the provisions of the Constitution of the State respecting the liabilities of stockholders therein;

An Act to provide for funding the debt of Charleston County for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1876;

An Act to grant certain powers to the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina;

An Act to provide for the payment of the indebtedness of the school districts of the County of Orangeburg;

An Act to authorize L. M. Westbury, of Colleton County, to change the road leading from Walterboro to George's Station around his settlement;

An Act to require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg and Clarendon Counties to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg and Clarendon Counties;

An Act to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax in school district number one of Kershaw County, for the purpose of maintaining one or more graded public schools in said district ;

An Act to incorporate the town of Cowpens, in Spartanburg County ;

An Act to amend the charter of the town of Aiken ;

An Act to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad ;

An Act to amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges," so far as the same relates to the County of Newberry ;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to extend a road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County," approved December 12, 1879 ;

An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Clinton, in Laurens County, in the State of South Carolina ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and require the State Treasurer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds and stocks," approved December 24, 1879 ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to utilize the convict labor of the State," approved March 31, 1878 ;

An Act to make appropriations for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the General Assembly and the salaries of the subordinate officers and employees thereof for the extra session commencing February 10th, 1880, and other officers and matters therein named ;

An Act to charter a public road in Horry County from a point known as St. John's Chapel, on the Conwayboro and Fireway road, to a point known as Livingston's plantation, on the Conwayboro and Little River road ;

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An Act to protect the citizens of the township of Beaufort, of Beaufort County, against damage from live stock ;

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An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort," approved December 23, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to make certain changes in voting precincts in the Counties therein named," approved 24th December, 1879, so far as the same relates to Edgefield and Lexington Counties ;

Joint Resolution to authorize the State Treasurer to reissue to R. Swaffield, executor of the last will and testament of H. C. Franck, a certain certificate which has been burned;

An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter CXI, Title II, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the qualification of jurors;

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63	Mr. J. A. Miller.	To punish by fine or fine and imprisonment all persons found carrying concealed weapons.....	47
64	Mr. Manigault.	To repeal the twenty-first Section of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the several societies and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the 13th day of December, 1817.....	47	55	104, 177, 193	230	244
65	Mr. Brown.	To change the name of the Belton, Williamston and Easley Railroad Company, and to amend the charter thereof.....	47	97	200	242	134, 341	406
66	Mr. Beaty.	To recharter a ferry across Catawba River, between the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, to be known as Brown's Ferry, and to vest the same in William McD. Brown and Francis W. Cureton.....	47	72	179	192	105, 292, 330	407

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67	Mr. Simonton.	To regulate the recording of deeds and other instruments in writing executed without the limits of this State.....	47	55	108	137	79, 205, 255	298	319
68	Mr. Bradley.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage in the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort.".....	47	97	.....	.....	121, 188, 275, 382		
69	Mr. W. B. Rice.	To authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to levy certain taxes and to use certain funds in the County treasury for advisory County expenses.....	47	183	.....	.....	216, 368		
70	Mr. Earle.	To amend Section 3 of Chapter CXXI of Title IV of Part III of the Revised Statutes. [Title amended.].....	48	71	337 176	351	93, 126, 188, 191, 212		
71	Mr. Earle.	To amend Section 393 of Chapter CXXII of Title V of Part III of the Revised Statutes.....	48	97	186, 283		

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72	Mr. McKissick.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts" so far as the same relates to the Summer Terms of the Seventh Circuit.....	48	57	119, 201, 208, 218		
73	Mr. J. J. Hemphill.	To incorporate the Mt. Dearborn Manufacturing Company in Chester County...	48	115	323	333	198	415	
74	Mr. J. J. Hemphill.	To alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Cheraw and Chester Railroad Company,".....	48	54	295	304	120, 191, 242, 404	399	
75	Mr. J. J. Hemphill.	To authorize and direct the County Commissioners of the Counties of York and Chester to transfer to the School Trustees of their respective Counties certain shares in the capital stock of the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad Company.....	48	54	187	206	120, 328, 351	408

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76.	Mr. J. J. Hemphill.	To limit the jurisdiction of Trial Justices to the township in which they reside except in special cases.....	48						
77.	Mr. J. J. Hemphill.	To prevent the paying or receiving of compensation for weighing cotton in bales except by a public weigher.....	48	69	.....	.....	118, 188		
78.	Mr. McKissick.	To exempt from levy and sale under executions corn, fodder, hay, flour, bacon, lard, molasses, coffee, sugar and fertilizers advanced under liens for agricultural purposes.....	48	57	.....	.....	78		
79.	Mr. Austin.	To amend the law in reference to peddlers and hawkers.....	48						
80.	Mr. Austin.	To further alter and amend the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, in so far as the same relates to the service of civil summons. [Substitute. See No. 282.].....	48	69	135, 195		

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81	Mr. Garrison.	To amend Section 12 of Chapter CLIII of the General Statutes.....	48	57	78			
82	Mr. Barron.	For the settlement of the indebtedness of E. E. Dickson, late County Treasurer of Clarendon County, to the State, and County of Clarendon, and for the relief of the sureties of the said E. E. Dickson as County Treasurer.....	48						
83	Mr. Blue.	To revive and renew the charter of the Marion Academy Society	49	130	331	355	199		
84	Mr. Walker.	To repeal an Act to alter and amend the law in relation to elections, approved March 22, 1878.....	49	55	280	305	176, 257, 380, 404	398	
85	Mr. Gantt.	To recharter White Hall Ferry, in Beaufort County, and to amend the same	49	128	.....	278	149, 243	415	
86	Mr. E. D. Richardson.	To establish and charter Higgins's and Banta's Ferry, at Star Bluff, on Waccamaw River, Horry County.....	49	97	187	217	119, 302, 329	407	29

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87	Mr. Massey.	Relative to the will of the late John Blair, of York County.....	49	57					
88	Mr. Beard.	To exempt Walhalla Female College from taxation.....	49	98	194	217	136, 341	.....	407
89	Mr. J. C. Ander- son.	To incorporate the Trustees of Enoree Presbytery	49	57	108	137	94, 306	.....	408
90	Mr. B. H. Rice.	To authorize the Governor to issue his proclamation for the call of a Conven- tion to create a new State Constitution..	49	169	.....	.....	203, 257, 331		
91	Mr. B. H. Rice.	To change the time and mode of collect- ing taxes in Union County.....	49						
92	Mr. Leaphart.	To authorize and require the County Commissioners of Lexington County to establish and keep in repair a public road leading from Spring Hill to the town of Summit, in Lexington County..	49						

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93	Mr. J. A. Miller.	To repeal an Act entitled "An Act to establish a public road between Barnwell and Orangeburg Counties."	49	54	108	124	77	416	
94	Mr. Miles.	To alter and amend the law in relation to dower. [Substitute. See No. 336.....	49	68	.....	.....	92, 109, 138, 174		
95	Session of 1878.	To provide for the appointment of a Master for the Sixth Circuit and to define his powers, duties and liabilities.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50, 118		
96	Session of 1878.	To provide more expeditiously for the payment of outstanding past due school claims in Williamsburg, Lexington, Oconee, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, Edgefield, Spartanburg, Newberry, Georgetown and Aiken Counties.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	176, 330 180 50, 64, 108, 109, 154,		408
97	Mr. Austin.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit persons living together in adultery."	58						

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98	Mr. Clowney.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for drainage of the Counties of Anderson and Beaufort."	58	95	275	304	121, 188	414	
99	Mr. E. D. Richardson.	To open and establish a public road in Horry County.....	58						
100	Mr. Aldrich.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 7, 1877, so far as the same relates to the time for the holding of the sessions of the Circuit Court in the Second Circuit. [Substitute. See No. 250.].....	58	66	.....	.....	104		
101	Mr. Aldrich.	To establish uniformity in actions brought for the partition of real estate.....	58	66	.....	.....	120, 194, 245		
102	Mr. Aldrich.	To amend Section 250, Chapter IV, Title VII, Part II, of the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of attachments.	58	66	187	206	119, 330	408

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103	Mr. Simonton.	To amend Sections 8 and 9 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XLV of Title II, Part I, of the General Statutes," relating to the repairs of highways and bridges.....	58	67	179	192	105, 291, 341, 382	415	406
104	Mr. Simonton.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto."	58	67	.....	.....	104, 177		
105	Mr. Simonton.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce the expenses of the County of Charleston and to define some of the duties of the County Commissioners of said County."	58	68					
106	Mr. Simonton.	To declare the law respecting sales of lands by Masters.....	59						

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107	Mr. Clowney.	To require dealers in live stock to take out licenses for the sale of the same, and for other purposes in relation thereto.....	59						
108	Mr. Callison.	To abolish the office of Special Agent of Phosphate Rock and Phosphatic Deposits	59	69					
109	Mr. Buist.	In relation to forfeited lands.....	59	68	.....	.....	117, 141, 166		
110	Mr. Davant.	To renew the charter of Stoney Bluff Ferry	59	155	.....	.....	215, 368		
111	Mr. Allen.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to repeal the 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th and 436th Sections of the Code of Procedure within the Counties herein mentioned, so as to abolish the use of Referees in the said Counties and to establish in their stead the office of Master."	59	88	154	175	103, 258, 303		

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112	Mr. Allen.	To alter the time of the sittings of the Courts of General Sessions and Common Pleas for Edgefield County, and to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," approved June 9th, 1877	59	159	215, 368		
113	Mr. Allen.	To alter and amend the jury law so far as the same refers to Edgefield County.....	59						
114	Mr. Allen.	To confer the rights of legitimacy upon Martha Vaughn. [Substitute. See No. 223.]	59	69	.....	.....	92, 109		
115	Mr. Watts.	To require a special license for dogs.....	59	98	.....	.....	368 121, 187, 215, 367,		
116	Mr. B. W. Anderson.	To amend the law in relation to intoxicating liquors and to regulate the sale thereof in Laurens County.....	60	143	300	329	172, 301		

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117	Mr. Bacon.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to make the pay certificates of jury tickets for attendance upon the Circuit Courts of the State receivable for taxes due the County in which said services were rendered," approved December 20, 1878....	60	70	92, 125		
118	Mr. Bacon.	To reimburse the County of Richland for expenses incurred in the trials of prisoners tried for crimes committed while such persons were officers of this State."	60	184	.....	.....	367 203, 292, 341, 362,	.....	408
119	Mr. Murray.	To facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad.....	60	83	.....	.....	150, 219, 267		
120	Mr. Murray.	For the further protection of religious meetings.....	60	67	.....	.....	93, 109, 110		
121	Mr. Murray.	To legitimize Julia McGee, Joseph McGee, Elias P. McGee and Robert McGee, and permit them to inherit from Elias McGee, should he die intestate, and for the relief of the said Elias McGee.....	60	68	203 362, 367		

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122	Mr. Murray.	To prevent the carrying of concealed weapons in Anderson County.....	60	127	218	149, 219	406
123	Mr. Murray.	To require railroads to furnish consignees an itemized statement of freight charges, and requiring them to settle according to the bill of lading.. ..	60	67	200	254	134, 341	.....	406
124	Mr. R. R. Hemp- hill.	To change the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Eighth Judicial Circuit...	60						
125	Mr. R. R. Hemp- hill.	To repeal all Acts and parts of Acts which apply the whole or any part of the poll tax to the payment of past due school claims.....	60	66	.....	.....	105, 177	.....
126	Mr. Mattison.	To reduce the length of time required to notify hands to work the public roads in Anderson County. [Title amended.]	60	67	179	198	105, 291, 329	.....	407
127	Mr. Humbert.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to facilitate the collection of taxes," approved December 24, 1878.....	61						

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128	Mr. Bradley.	To establish a Department of Agriculture, Mining, Manufactures and Immigration.	61	66	121, 188, 232		
129	Mr. J. A. Miller.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act pro- viding for the specific appropriation of revenue derived from liquor licenses," approved January 30, 1875.....	61	99	.....	.....	117		
130	Mr. Leaphart.	To authorize the appointment of an addi- tional Trial Justice for Lexington Coun- ty. [Title amended].....	61	86	283	329	173	415	
131	Mr. J. B. Cleve- land.	For the relief of the Counties of Spartan- burg, Greenville, Union, Pickens, York, Chester, Lancaster and Chesterfield, which have subscribed bonds in aid of certain railroads.....	61	71	.....	.....	118, 178, 215, 368		
132	Mr. Edens.	To change the name of Josephine Parker to the name of Josephine Thomas and make her the heir of Samuel R. Thomas. [See No. 224.].....	61	71	92		

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133	Mr. C. G. Henderson.	To authorize suits on certain claims against Colleton County.....	61	70	108	137 93,	258		
134	Mr. C. G. Henderson.	To limit the plaintiff in an action for the recovery of realty to two actions for the recovery of lands.....	61	70	200	254 93,	125, 135, 361, 381	398	
135	Mr. Haskell.	To alter and amend the charter of the city of Columbia in reference to the poor of said city.....	61	71	200	254 104,	137, 341	.....	406
136	Mr. Haskell.	To provide for the disposal of all lands forfeited to the State.....	61						
137	Mr. C. J. C. Hutson.	To alter and amend the law in relation to the lien of executions.....	61	69	.....	.....	103, 152		
138	Mr. Brown.	To amend Part I, Title I, Chapter XXV. [Title amended.].....	62	97	191	206 118,	330	.....	409
139	Session of 1878.	To authorize Sheriffs to appoint special deputies without the approval of a Circuit Judge.....	65, 193	229	244

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140	Mr. Simonton.	To incorporate the Merchants' and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association.	73	85	187	217	120, 355	405
141	Mr. Simonton.	To authorize the employment of the prisoners confined in the Charleston jail upon the construction of a stone road leading out of Charleston.....	73	85	.....	.....	121	.....
142	Mr. Simonton.	To amend Section 15, Chapter XXIX, Title VII, of Revised Statutes, relating to paupers. [See No. 377.].....	73	84	.....	.....	231	.....
143	Mr. Beasley.	To alter and amend Section 149, Chapter CXXII, Title V, Part III, of the General Statutes, relating to the place of trial of civil cases.....	73	85	141	151	103	.....	318
144	Mr. Beasley.	To amend Section 19, Chapter CXXIX, of the General Statutes, by striking out the words "and maliciously," in the first line of the second Section, and in other particulars.....	73	85	103, 177, 203, 331	

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145	Mr. Beasley.	To amend Sections 8 and 10 of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers therein mentioned," approved November 22, 1878...	73	85	289		
146	Mr. Miles.	To incorporate the House of Rest Charity.	73	96	187	278	121, 206		
147	Mr. J. Simons.	To establish an uniform system of registration of deaths, marriages and births in South Carolina.....	74	88	.....	.....	274		
148	Mr. Elfe.	To authorize the County Commissioners of Charleston County to appoint Commissioners of the Poor and to define their powers and duties. [See No. 377.]	74	85	.....	.....	231		
149	Mr. Kennedy.	To provide artificial legs for all soldiers of the State who lost their legs during military service in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865.....	74	86	268	298	104, 177	415	

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150	Mr. C. G. Henderson.	To regulate the election of Intendant and Wardens of the town of Waterboro....	74	114	299	322	185	413	
151	Mr. Sojourner.	To authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell County to open and declare as public certain roads in Barnwell County.....	74	128	.....	.....	150, 341	.....	407
152	Mr. Sojourner.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and compensation of Trial Justices and Constables in the County of Barnwell."	74	84	282	305	185, 405	399	
153	Mr. I. M. Hutson.	To alter and amend the law in relation to juries and jurors.....	74	83	.....	.....	369 103, 153, 154, 239,		
154	Mr. J. H. Rice.	To amend Sections 1 and 2, Chapter XXVI, Part I, of the Revised Statutes.	74	87					
155	Mr. J. H. Rice.	To amend Section 74, Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes. [Substitute. See No. 249.]... ..	74	87	104, 177		

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156	Mr. Buist.	To provide for the indexing and arranging the books of record in the office of the Register of Meuse Conveyance for Charleston County.....	74	84					
157	Mr. Miles.	To authorize the formation of an independent battalion on John's Island, James Island, Wadmalaw Island and Edisto Island, to form a part of the Volunteer Troops of the State of South Carolina...	74	84	187	206	120, 330	.....	406
158	Mr. Chase.	To prohibit the running of freight trains and to regulate the running of passenger and mail trains on Sunday.....	75	87	190	206	117, 189, 302, 329	.....	405
159	Mr. Gonzalez.	To recall all convicts now hired out, and to establish a system of internal improvements and to determine the manner of the same.....	75	128	.....	.....	172		
160	Mr. Redfearne.	To amend the law establishing the voting precincts so far as relates to Chesterfield County	75						

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161	Mr. Simonton.	To incorporate the Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charleston.....	75	85	108	137	121	297	318
162	Mr. B. H. Rice.	Regulating the sale of phosphates and other fertilizers within this State.....	75						
163	Mr. Dargan.	To define and punish the crime of house-breaking	75	88	141	151	103, 238		
164	Mr. Dargan.	To provide for compensation for service of process by private persons.....	75						
165	Mr. Dargan.	To fix the time for legislative enactments to take effect.....	75	88	179	192	102, 330	.....	406
166	Mr. Dargan.	To require security for costs in appeals from Trial Justices' Courts.....	75	98	.....	.....	118		
167	Mr. Dewberry.	To authorize and require Trial Justices and other officers of this State to countersign warrants of arrest issued by competent authority in other States.....	75	87	102, 177		

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168	Mr. Beaty.	To incorporate the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in America.....	75	86	281	329	175	400	
169	Mr. Elfe.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to alter and amend the law in relation thereto," approved March 19, 1874, so far as the same applies to the County of Charleston. [Title amended.].....	76	85	178	270	121, 194, 265, 342, 343		
170	Mr. J. C. Anderson.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg," approved February 24, 1876.....	76	98	.....	.....	175		
171	Mr. Gaillard.	To establish two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.....	76						

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172	Mr. R. R. Hemp- hill.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to remedy and supply the loss of public records and to perpetuate testimony in regard to deeds, mortgages, settlements and other papers lost by fire at Abbeville," approved February 27, 1873.....	76	83	179	192	102, 330	409
173	Mr. J. Simons.	To amend Section 17, Chapter LXXXV, Title IV, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the administration and distribution of intestates' estate.....	76	88	179	192	103, 276, 293, 341	.....	407
174	Mr. Beard.	Authorizing the School Commissioner of Oconee County to pay certain claims...	76						
175	Mr. Walker.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C."	76	129	281	306	175		
176	Mr. W. C. Cleve- land.	To incorporate the Greenville Merchants' and Cotton Exchange Association.....	76	87	282	304	185, 405	398	

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177	Mr. Ficken.	To enable the Enterprise Railroad Company, of Charleston, to reduce their capital to two hundred thousand dollars, and to exempt said company from the operation of the forty-first Section of the Act of 1841.....	77	84	265, 372		
178	Mr. C. J. C. Hutson.	To regulate the manner of drawing juries in Courts of Trial Justices.....	77						
179	Mr. C. J. C. Hutson.	To amend the law in relation to distress warrants, and to regulate the execution of the same.....	77	129	.....	.....	172		
180	Mr. C. J. C. Hutson.	To amend the law in relation to landlord and tenant.....	77						
181	Mr. C. J. C. Hutson.	To authorize Alfred M. Martin to build a wharf at Martin's Landing, on Savannah River, in Hampton County.....	77	87	179	192	104, 105, 342		

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182	Session of 1878.	To amend an Act to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Association of the State of South Carolina.....	77, 78		
183	Committee on the Judiciary.	To change the name of William Jackson Newby to William Jackson Burton and enable him and Martha Elizabeth Cook to inherit from Jasper Newton Burton....	....	78	108	137	255	297	318
184	Session of 1878.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Timmonsville."....	....	....	....	79	217	229	244
185	Session of 1878.	To amend an Act authorizing and requiring the County Commissioners of Lancaster and Chesterfield Counties to open a certain public road.....	....	....	....	....	82	296	318
186	Session of 1878.	To establish and charter Sampit Ferry, on Sampit River, in Georgetown County...	....	....	....	....	82	296	318
187	Session of 1878.	To incorporate the town of Cross Anchor, in Spartanburg County.....	82		

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188	Mr. Skipper.	To vest in James T. Todd the right to open Brown Swamp, in Horry County, for navigation of logs, lumber and flats.	86	280	329	162	415	
189	Mr. Moody.	To pension the maimed South Carolina Confederate soldiers of the late war between the States .....	.....	86	.....	.....	101, 138, 139, 232, 233		
190	Mr. Brice.	To provide for the establishment of two new school districts in the County of Fairfield and to authorize the levy and collection of a special school tax therein .....	.....	88	218	242	150, 328, 354	.....	406
191	Mr. Morrison.	To require the County Commissioners of the various Counties to publish certain reports before the sitting of each term of the Court, and to file said reports with the grand jury.....	.....	88	.....	.....	173		
192	Mr. E. D. Richard-son.	To amend Chapter CXXIX, Section 26, of the General Statutes, in relation to entry on enclosed and unenclosed lands after notice prohibiting the same.....	89	131	150, 207		

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193	Mr. Bowman.	To provide for the payment of the past due indebtedness of the school districts of Orangeburg County.....	89	158	240, 369	406
194	Mr. Bowman.	To declare public a certain road in Orangeburg County.....	89	98	201	242	149, 329	408
195	Mr. Shoemaker.	To provide for the past due indebtedness of Orangeburg County.....	89	129	201	243	148, 337, 354	
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326	Mr. Dewberry.	To relieve E. P. Brown from keeping up the bridge known as Brown's Bridge, over Pacolet River, in Spartanburg County.	170	182	215, 368		
327	Mr. Bell.	To amend the charter of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company.....	170	184	323	340	198	413	
328	Mr. Frederick.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act for the better protection of religious worship," so far as the same relates to the County of Orangeburg.....	170	197	.....	.....	254, 371		
329	Mr. Stevenson.	To provide for the payment of the Board of School Examiners for Kershaw County for services rendered in the investigation of the past school indebtedness of said County, and for other purposes.....	170	182	281	305	404	413	

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330	Mr. Trantham.	To authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Kershaw County to dispose of Wateree Free Bridge, and for other purposes therein mentioned.....	170	182	281	305	404	398	
331	Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.	To repeal all Acts permitting the erecting of gates across the public road leading from the Charleston and Camden road to Middleton Depot, in Sumter County.....	.....	172	281	333			
332	Committee on the Judiciary.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts" so far as the same relates to the Eighth Circuit.....	172	296	333	283		

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333	Committee on Internal Improve- ments.	To authorize the Canal Commission ap- pointed under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and em- power the appointment of a Commission to control and direct the development and disposal of the property of the State known as the Columbia Canal and its appurtenances," approved March 12, 1878, to enter into a contract and cove- nant, for and on behalf of the State, with David M. Thompson and Augustus F. Nagle, their heirs and assigns, to dis- pose of the said Columbia Canal, with a view to its development, upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in this Act.....	173	207	247	195, 201, 206, 248, 343, 344, 350, 351, 374		
334	Committee on the Judiciary.	To fix the time for advertising property before sale. [See No. 203.].....	174	280	329	415	

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335	Committee on the Judiciary.	To change the name of Joseph P. Graham to Joseph P. Martin and to permit him to inherit from Thomas H. Martin and Matilda Martin if they or either of them die intestate. [See No. 268.].....	174	281	305	415	
336	Committee on the Judiciary.	To alter and amend the law in relation to dower. [See No. 94.].....	.....	174	.....	.....	282		
337	Committee of Ways and Means.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Comptroller General to make abatements of taxes," approved 1874.....	.....	174	281	329	.....	414	
338	Mr. Garrison.	To alter and amend the charter of the town of Rock Hill.....	.....	181	299	329	199	415	
339	Mr. J. J. Hemphill.	To authorize and direct the Secretary of State to convey certain interests of the State in a part of the canal over Catwaba River.....	184	331	341	199		

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340	Mr. Morrison.	To amend an Act to create a new judicial and election district from a portion of Beaufort County, to be known as Hampton County, so far as the same provides for the transfer of all suits and the settlement of all estates from the Probate Court of Beaufort County to the Probate Court of Hampton County where the defendants, executors, administrators or guardians reside in the County of Hampton	184						
341	Mr. Elfe.	To provide for the compulsory attendance of all children in the city and County of Charleston between the ages of six and sixteen years at school for twenty-four months as provided in the Constitution, Section 4, Article X, and for other purposes.....	185 197				203		
342	Committee on Education.	To provide for the investment and use of the Agricultural College fund.....	186 310				882, 404 308, 309, 310, 327, 326 248, 268, 296, 307, 398		

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343	Committee on Military Affairs.	Further to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act supplementary to Chapter XV, Title IV, Part I, of the General Statutes of South Carolina,'" approved March 22, 1878.....	186	301	333	302		
344	Session of 1878.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the issuing of checks to laborers upon plantations or elsewhere." ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	193	230	244
345	Session of 1878.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to further reduce the number and pay of officers, attachés, clerks and laborers of the General Assembly and to provide the manner of electing, appointing and paying the same," approved June 9th, 1877, so far as relates to the pay of doorkeepers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	193	230	244
346	Session of 1878.	To enforce the use of a uniform series of text books in the free public schools of this State.....	193	239	244

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347	Session of 1878.	To extend a road from the Fairfield County line to Mission Church, in Kershaw County.....	193	239	244
348	Session of 1878.	To repeal an Act entitled "An Act to charter the village of Lisbon.".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	193	229	244
349	Mr. Johnstone.	To amend Section 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter LV, Title XI, Part I, of the General Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways and bridges.".....	.....	196	.....	.....	241, 369		
350	Mr. J. J. Hemphill.	To authorize actions on certain claims against the County of Chester.....	197	210	.....	.....	240, 369		
351	Mr. Davies.	To appoint Commissioners to take charge of the Downer Fund in Aiken County...	197	209	.....	.....	241, 369		
352	Mr. Muller.	To renew the charter of the Saluda Manufacturing Company.....	197						
353	Mr. Muller.	To incorporate the village of Peak Station, in Lexington County.....	197	211	241, 370		

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354	Mr. McKissick.	To afford relief to insolvent debtors.....	197	210	369		
355	Mr. Cooke.	To alter and amend Section 10 of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Court, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices and other officers herein mentioned," approved March 22, 1878.....	197	237	289		
356	Mr. Ficken.	To provide for the funding of certain past due interest on the valid consolidated debt of the State.....	198	209	.....	.....	241, 369		
357	Committee on Incorporations.	To incorporate the Williston Baptist Church, in Barnwell County. [See No. 56.].....	.....	199	323	340	.....	415	
358	Mr. Bacon.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the indebtedness of the city of Columbia and to fund the same.".....	202	362	377	216, 352		

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359	Mr. Davis.	To make George Orme Cox, Charlotte Cox, Henry Horace Cox, Ellen Cox and Alonzo Cox the legal and lawful heirs of George B. Cox.....	202	212, 368		
360	Committee on the Judiciary.	To release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from payment of certain taxes.....	.....	204	.....	.....	311, 372 237, 257, 265, 296,		
361	Committee on Agriculture.	To grant aid to the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society.....	.....	205	.....	.....	331		
362	Mr. Miles.	To grant certain powers to the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina.....	.....	209	.....	.....	239, 369		
363	Mr. Perry.	To provide for the number of Trial Justices for Charleston County, to fix their location and compensation, and for other purposes.....	209	252, 370		

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364	Mr. Muller.	To amend Section 89 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts providing for the assessment and taxation of property into one Act and to amend the same," approved March 19, 1874.....	212	211	241, 321, 322, 370		
365	Mr. Elkins.	To provide a stenographer for the Fifth Circuit.....	211	236	.....	.....	263, 371		
366	Mr. Ficken.	To amend Section 371, Chapter III, Title XI, Part II, of the General Statutes, in relation to the service of appeal in Courts of Trial Justice.....	211	237	.....	.....	262, 371		
367	Mr. Ficken.	To authorize and require the State Treas- urer to allow and fund interest on all matured bonds and stocks which under the law are fundable in consolidated bonds and stocks.....	211	236	331	340	253, 323	413	

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368	Mr. Bowman.	To abandon the new bridge across the North Edisto River, on the public road leading from Brauchville to Easterling's mill, in Orangeburg County.....	211	235	264, 372		
369	Mr. Perry.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the appointment and salaries of Trial Justices in the city of Charleston," approved February 6, 1874.....	212	235	.....	.....	370		
370	Mr. Graham.	To require the County Commissioners of Williamsburg County to open and declare as a public highway a certain road in Williamsburg County.....	212	236	.....	.....	264, 372		
371	Mr. Walker.	To fix the standard weight of a bushel measure in respect to certain fruits, vegetables and roots.....	212	232	.....	.....	240, 369		
372	Mr. J. H. Rice.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to appoint a Fish Commissioner to increase the propagation of fish," approved December 23, 1878.....	212	236	370		

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373	Charleston Delegation.	To provide for the construction of a canal in the city of Charleston. [See No. 197.]	216	295	305	283, 294, 361, 366	408
374	Session of 1878.	To amend Title IV, Chapter CXXI, Section 18, of the Revised Statutes, regulating damage in case of eviction.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	229	244
375	Session of 1878.	To authorize and require the County Commissioners of Lexington County to open and keep in repair a public road in said County from Spring Hill to Summit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	244
376	Session of 1878.	To incorporate the town of Cross Anchor, in Spartanburg County.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	244
377	Charleston Delegation.	To amend Section 15, Chapter XXIX, Title VIII, of the General Statutes, relating to physicians of the poor. [See No. 142.].....	.....	231	.....	.....	369	.....	.....
378	Mr. C. J. C. Hutson.	To regulate the order in which claims against the Counties of the State shall be paid.....	236	263

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379	Mr. Ficken.	To renew the charter of Schiller Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F.....	238						
380	Mr. Muller.	To authorize John Taylor to erect and maintain two gates across the public road leading from Charleston to Colum- bia, on the West side of Congaree River, in Lexington County.....	238						
381	Committee on the Judiciary.	To prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within the town of Marion and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof. ....	.....	240	.....	.....	369		
382	Committee of Ways and Means.	To make appropriation for the payment of the per diem, mileage and stationery certificates of the members of the Gene- ral Assembly, the salaries of the subor- dinate officers and employees thereof, and for other purposes.....	241	275	298	375, 376	414	

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383	Mr. Murray.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to appeals from the Circuit Courts to the Supreme Court," approved December 19, 1879.....	249	370		
384	Mr. Manigault.	To amend Section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce and fix the salaries of certain officers," approved June 7, 1877.....	262	250	.....	.....	274, 369		
385	Mr. Blue.	To authorize and require the Circuit Solicitors to attend the sessions of the General Assembly and to prescribe their duties and compensation.....	.....	250	.....	.....	263, 371		
386	Mr. Bowman.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of places mentioned therein.".....	250	370		

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387	Mr. Brodie.	To relieve the school claims of Aiken County for the fiscal year 1877-78 of the operation of Section 40 of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the school law of South Carolina," approved March 22, 1878.....	250	370		
388	Mr. Allen.	To open a certain public road in Edgefield County.....	.....	250	.....	.....	264, 372		
389	Committee on Incorporations.	To incorporate the Columbia and Lexington Water Power Company.....	.....	252	267	284	266, 396, 404	400	
390	Committee on Railroads.	To amend the railroad laws in this State.....	.....	253	.....	.....	370		
391	Committee of Ways and Means.	To raise supplies and make appropriations for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1879.....	253	275	821	376	414	

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392	Committee on Privileges and Elections.	To make certain changes in the voting precincts of Aiken, Colleton, Edgefield, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Lexington, Pickens and Spartanburg. [Title amended.].....	254	267	298	395	416	
393	Mr. Redfearne.	To incorporate the Cross Roads Baptist Church, in Chesterfield County.....	262	261	.....	.....	371		
394	Mr. Murray.	To regulate the sale of real estate in Anderson County when sold under process by the Courts.....	.....	261	.....	.....	371		
395	Mr. Murray.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to re-charter the Savannah Valley Railroad Company," approved March 12, 1878, and the Act amendatory thereof approved December 24, 1878.....	.....	261	.....	.....	371		
396	Mr. Murray.	To charter the Anderson and Easley Railroad Company.....	261	371		

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397	Mr. Haltiwanger.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of citizens of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock" and to extend the same to a portion of Edgefield County.....	261	261	291			
398	Mr. Gonzalez.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Mount Pleasant and Sullivan's Island Ferry Company."	262	285	.....	291, 372			
399	Mr. Cooke.	To regulate the hiring out of the Penitentiary convicts and for other purposes relating thereto.....	262						
400	Committee on the Judiciary.	To change the name of Fannie Chappell to Fannie Pitts and to permit her to inherit from David Pitts and Rebecca Pitts or either of them if they or either of them die intestate.....		262	371			

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401	Committee on the Judiciary.	To amend Sections 1 and 2, Chapter XXVI, Title I, of General Statutes, Part I, relative to Constables.....	263	371	
402	Mr. Johnstone.	To regulate the manner of denominating the law and equity reports of this State. ....	.....	271	.....	.....	289, 372	.....
403	Session of 1878.	To alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the Spartanburg and Augusta Railroad Company." .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	271, 306	.....	408
404	Mr. Rogers.	To require the County Commissioners of Marion County to lay out a public highway in said County.....	273	286	.....	.....	303, 373	.....
405	Committee on the Judiciary.	To prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Belton, in Anderson County, and its vicinity.....	280	372	

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406.	Mr. Simonton.	To alter and amend the laws relating to the city of Charleston.....	285	311	330	380	399	
407.	Mr. Buist.	To direct the County Treasurers to pay to County Auditors twenty-five per cent. upon the assessment funds in their several Counties for the years 1878 and 1879, as compensation for extra services performed by them and their assistants in the years 1878 and 1879.....	.....	286	.....	.....	314, 273		
408.	Mr. C. G. Henderson.	To declare public a certain road in Colleton County.....	.....	286	.....	.....	372		
409.	Committee on Incorporations.	To incorporate the Newberry Agricultural and Mechanical Society.....	289	372		

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410	Special Committee.	To redistrict the State of South Carolina into five Congressional Districts.....	289	290, 312, 342
411	Session of 1878.	To authorize the County Commissioners of Edgefield County to levy and collect a special tax to pay the past due indebtedness of said County and to regulate the manner of disbursing the same.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	335, 354 294, 307, 317, 333, 334, .....	.....	406
412	Session of 1878.	To establish and charter Witts's Ferry across Saluda River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	296	318
413	Committee on Incorporations.	To amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lands and crops of Abbeville, Union, Newberry and Laurens Counties from trespass by stock," and make the same apply to a portion of Lexington County.....	340	373

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TITLE.	FIRST READING.	SECOND READING.	THIRD READING.	OTHER PROCEEDINGS.	RATIFIED.	APPROVED.
To repeal Section 2, Chapter XXXVII, page 244, of the General Statutes .....	.....	.....	.....	36, 50, 79, 366	.....	408
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the better organization of the Fourth Brigade of South Carolina Volunteer Troops." .....	.....	187	205	37, 120	298	319
To amend an Act to incorporate the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad Company.....	65	178	206	104, 255	298	319
To amend an Act to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Association of the State of South Carolina.....	108	229
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To amend an Act entitled "An Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Spartanburg,"	165	351 345	357	214, 283	398
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the sessions of the Circuit Courts," so far as the same relates to the Courts of the Second Circuit.....	165	208	238	171, 259, 277, 349	.....	405
Providing for a Master each for Edgefield, Colleton and Oconee Counties, and making provision for cases in the hands of Referees.....	165	284	300	171, 317

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Renouncing, releasing and relinquishing a bequest of three thousand dollars to the Legislature of South Carolina under the will of John Blair. [Title amended.].....	165	300	310	192, 327		407
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to accelerate the proceedings in actions for partition," being Act No. 636, approved 23d December, 1878.....	.....	284	300	171		.....	406
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter and renew the charter of the town of Darlington,"	180	345	357	214		.....	407
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Gilbert Hollow, in the County of Lexington," being Act No. 640, approved December 23, 1878.....	180	345	357	214		.....	407
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to cede to the United States of America so much land on the shores of Sullivan's Island and Morris Island respectively as may be necessary for the erection of the shore lines of the jetties to be erected for the improvement and deepening of the bar of Charleston harbor," approved December 20, 1878.....	180	274, 356, 360, 372			

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TITLE.	OTHER PROCEEDINGS.					RATIFIED.	APPROVED.
	FIRST READING.	SECOND READING.	THIRD READING.	READING.			
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the costs of plaintiffs' and defendants' attorneys and the costs and fees of Clerks of Courts and Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Trial Justices, herein mentioned."	180	345	361	289, 344, 363, 364, 385	413		
To determine and fix the compensation of the physician to attend in the jail in Charleston County.....	180	.....	.....	214, 344			
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Pee Dee Agricultural and Mechanical Association," approved February 27, 1873.....	205	345	357	214	.....	407	
To incorporate the House of Rest Charity.....	205	331	343	.....	.....	407	
To establish and charter Watts's Ferry, across Saluda River.....	238	351	357	288, 366	.....	408	
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, S. C."	238	351	356	288	413	406	
To amend Section 5 of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate certain towns and villages, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted," ratified January 28, 1860.....	239	357	288	407	

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TITLE.	FIRST READING.	SECOND READING.	THIRD READING.	OTHER PROCEEDINGS.	RATIFIED.	APPROVED.
To fix and determine the quarantine anchorage and boarding station for Port Royal harbor, to render more efficient the quarantine service in the several ports in this State.....	239	345	357	274	399	
To authorize the County Commissioners of Spartanburg and Greenville Counties to apply all back taxes due from the Air Line Railroad Company, or any other back taxes which are now due said Counties, to the payment of the bonds of said Counties.....	239	345	356	252, 366	....	405
To alter and amend the charter of the town of Seneca City, in the County of Oconee, and to reduce all Acts and parts of Acts in relation thereto into one Act.....	249	358	378	288	414	
To further amend an Act to incorporate the town of Batesburg, in the County of Lexington, approved May 31st, 1877.....	249	351	356	288	....	407
To renew and amend the charter of the town of Beaufort.....	249	351	356	288	....	407
To further amend the criminal law.....	249	345	357	363	....	407
Authorizing the Governor to pay certain claims accruing from the first day of November, A. D. 1876, from the unexpended balance of the contingent fund of the Governor for the past fiscal year.....	258	345	357	274	407

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TITLE.	FIRST READING.	SECOND READING.	THIRD READING.	OTHER PROCEEDINGS.	RAPIIFIED.	APPROVED.
To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter XLV, of the General Statutes, relating to persons liable to work on the public highways and roads," so far as the same may relate to the Counties of Spartanburg, Chesterfield and Abbeville.....	279			304, 356, 360, 373		
To authorize Walker J. Brookes and other persons to construct gates across a public road.....	279	358 356,	378	304, 381	416	
To enable William H. Ingram, of Clarendon County, Francis T. Morgan, of Chester County, and James K. P. Goggans, of Newberry County, to apply for admission to the bar. [Title amended.].....	279	352	361	289, 380	415	
To regulate the classification of cotton in bales by railroads and other common carriers in this State.....	279	358	378	332		
To incorporate the Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company.....	279			288, 352		
To provide for the payment of past due school claims for Barnwell County.....	280	358	378	313		399

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TITLE.	FIRST READING.	SECOND. READING.	THIRD READING.	OTHER PROCEEDINGS.	RATIFIED.	APPROVED.
To amend the charter of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.....	285	299	310	.....	.....	407
To create a Department of Agriculture.....	292	347	361	374, 375, 376 304, 330, 348, 349, 364,	398	402
To extend the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the qualified electors of their several Counties a proposition to alter the fence laws and to provide for effectuating the same" to the upper part of Upper Township No. ; Richland County.....	292	358	378	314, 373	398	
To repeal an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to prevent fishing with nets in the fresh water streams of this State at certain seasons of the year,' and to extend the same to the Coun- ties of Richland, Chester and Clarendon," approved December 20, 1878, so far as it relates to the County of Chester.....	292	358	378	303, 304	398	
To renew and amend an Act entitled "An Act to charter the town of Hamburg, in Aiken County".....	292	358	378	325	414	

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TITLE.	FIRST READING.	SECOND READING.	THIRD READING.	OTHER PROCEEDINGS.	RATIFIED.	APPROVED.
To amend an Act to define the duties of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in relation to the Land Commissioner.....	292	358	378	314	414	
To repeal so much of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the register of claims against the Counties of Sumter and Marlboro and to prescribe the order of their payment," approved March 22, 1878, as relates to the County of Marlboro.....	292	358	378	303		
To alter and amend the law in relation to the lien of executions.....	293	.....	.....	303, 373, 379	.....	407
To release the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company from payment of certain taxes.....	293	310	330	311		
To renew the charter of Stoney Bluff Ferry.....	.....	358	378	304	399	
To authorize and empower the County Commissioners for Greenville County to provide for the payment of the past indebtedness of said County.....	315	258	378	399	

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TITLE.	FIRST READING.	SECOND READING.	THIRD READING.	OTHER PROCEEDINGS.	RATIFIED.	APPROVED.
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